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Towering celebration

Firefighter Robert Duriaux — son of Henri Duriaux, who raised the French flag atop the Eiffel Tower on Aug. 25, 1944 — hoists the French tricolor at the tower in Paris on Wednesday. Paris' tribute to its liberation is the last in a series of 60th anniversary commemorations by France marking critical moments leading to the capitulation of Germany and the end of World War II. See story on Page 13

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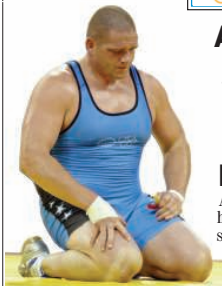
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States

Electronic voting machines: The last of 11 California counties banned in April from using electronic voting machines on Nov. 2 have won renewed rights to use their machines, Secretary of State Kevin Shelley said Tuesday.

Shelley's office in Sacramento, Calif., said Alameda and Plumas counties have agreed to tighter security conditions for using the machines, including making paper ballots available to those who request them.

Phil Spector murder charges: Music producer Phil Spector has hired an attorney who used to work for mob boss John Gotti to defend him on murder charges after his previous attorney resigned from the case.

Leslie Abramson said Tuesday that she and her co-counsel resigned as Spector's attorneys but were taken by surprise when Bruce Cutler filed a motion to take over the case while Abramson was out of the country.

Federal prosecutors in New York have portrayed Cutler as "house counsel" for the Gambino crime family. Gotti died in prison in 2002.

Spector, 64, famed for creating rock 'n' roll's "wall of sound," recording techniques in the 1960s, is charged in the fatal shooting of Lana Clarkson at his mansion in February 2003.

Georgia crematory lawsuit: A jury of five men and three women was selected Tuesday in Rome, Ga., to decide a civil lawsuit against the former operator of a northwest Georgia crematory, where hundreds of corpses were left unburied.

The jury includes one black woman, the only black member of the original 60-person jury pool. But the defense attorneys for Brent Marsh, who is black, said his client would get a fair trial.

Nearly 1,700 relatives of people who were supposed to be cremated by Marsh are suing him and the estate of his late father, Ray Marsh.

The trial will determine only liability. If the jury rules against the Marshes, a second trial will be held to decide how much they should pay in damages.

Roy Horn tiger-mauling video: The company that produced the Siegfried & Roy magic show has refused to give federal investigators a video of the tiger attack that badly injured illusionist Roy Horn.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture attempted to obtain the video through two subpoenas, but Vienna, Va.-based Feld Entertainment would not hand over the footage, a USDA source familiar with the case said Tuesday, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Under the Animal Welfare Act, the USDA has been investigating the October attack in which Horn was mauled by a 300-pound white tiger during a live performance at The Mirage hotel-casino in Las Vegas.

Horn survived but later suffered a stroke that has left him partially paralyzed. The long-running show closed.

War on terrorism

Pfc. England hearing: A military court in Fort Bragg, N.C., next week will resume a hearing on charges against a female soldier whose notorious photos with naked Iraqi prisoners are at the center of an international prisoner abuse scandal.

Army Pfc. Lynndee England's Article 32 hearing, which recessed Aug. 7 after five



Peterson trial: Scott Peterson's former mistress, Amber Frey, center, wrapped up her testimony Tuesday under a mostly cordial cross-examination, saying he never told her he loved her nor tried to stop her from telling police about their affair that prosecutors claim drove Peterson to kill his pregnant wife. Flanking Frey as she leaves the San Mateo Superior Court are her attorneys Gloria Allred, left, and Nate Goldberg.

days, will resume Monday and should run two days, military officials said Tuesday.

The hearing is to determine whether England, a 21-year-old reservist with the Maryland-based 372nd Military Police Company, should face a court-martial on 13 counts of abusing detainees at Abu Ghraib prison and six counts stemming from possession of sexually explicit photos.

If convicted, she could get up to 38 years in prison.

Filipino workers in Iraq: The Philippines will keep a ban on its workers going to Iraq following an attack that wounded a Filipino engineer, the government said Tuesday from Manila.

Danilo Pasis sustained gunshot wounds and three of his companions, an Indonesian and two Iraqis, were killed when their vehicle came under attack near the northern Iraqi city of Mosul on Sunday, the Philippine foreign affairs department said.

World

Terror in Uzbekistan: Islamic militants wanted by Uzbek police for their alleged involvement in recent violence could strike again despite tightened security, a senior police official said Wednesday.

The comments came after the U.S. State Department said Tuesday it had information that terrorists may be planning attacks in Uzbekistan in early September during the country's Independence Day celebrations.

Asian bird flu: More money and global attention should be focused on bird flu in Asia to study the virus, which experts fear could mutate and trigger a human pandemic, the World Health Organization said Wednesday.

Vietnam suffered the highest human death toll — 16 people — when the disease broke out in Asia earlier this year. Three more died in Hanoi, Vietnam, last month

when the dangerous H5N1 strain struck again, bringing the total to 19.

EU talks with Turkey: The European Commission should open EU membership talks with Turkey within 24 months, a Dutch advisory body said Wednesday from The Hague, Netherlands, strengthening the hopes of the first Muslim country seeking to join the 25-member union.

But the report to the Dutch government, which holds the rotating EU presidency and will oversee a decision on membership talks in December, said it would be unwise to set a target date for Turkey's accession, arguing that it could create false expectations.

Palestinians seek reform: The Palestinian legislature on Wednesday overwhelmingly accepted a set of recommendations calling for reforms in the Palestinian Authority.

But critics complained the proposal was vague and fell far short of the sweeping overhaul needed to clean up the corruption-plagued government.

The recommendations included forming a viable government capable of fighting corruption more effectively and restoring law and order.

Cleric charges: Indonesian prosecutors announced on Wednesday they would soon charge militant cleric Abu Bakar Bashir with terror crimes, as he denounced his detention as "oppression from America."

Bashir made the comment to reporters as armed guards took him from police headquarters to a prison cell where he will be held under prosecutors' jurisdiction until his trial begins.

Police have accused Bashir, 66, of heading the regional terror group Jemaah Islamiyah and playing a role in the Aug. 5, 2003, bombing of the J.W. Marriott Hotel in Jakarta, which killed 12 people.

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Temporary restraining order granted to former GI recalled for Iraq duty

By TIM WHITMIRE

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — A federal judge ruled Wednesday that a former Army reservist from suburban Raleigh does not have to report for recall to Iraq by Friday, granting a temporary restraining order at least until a hearing next week.

Todd Parrish of Cary is locked in a legal battle with the Army over his status. He says his Army commitment expired Dec. 19, after four years of active duty and another four years in the Reserve.

But the Army says Parrish never formally resigned his commission as a lieutenant, making him indefinitely eligible for involuntary recall to duty.

Last month, Parrish sued the Army, contending he was never informed of any requirement or need to "resign" his Army Reserve commission in order to terminate his status with the U.S. Army Reserve.

With a Friday deadline looming for Parrish to report for duty and discussions with the Army going nowhere, Parrish's lawyer Mark Waple said he filed a motion Monday for a temporary restraining order in Raleigh federal court.

U.S. District Judge Louise Flanagan granted the request Wednesday. She scheduled a hearing on whether to grant a preliminary injunction against the Army for Sept. 1. In her order, Flanagan said the Army's willingness to extend Parrish's reporting date several times in recent months shows the military will not be harmed by delaying the case until a full hearing can be held.

Waple, of Fayetteville, said he and the Army have been going back and forth about Parrish's sta-

tus since Parrish first received an order from the Army in May requiring him to report to Fort Sill, Okla., by June 13 for processing and deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

When Parrish tried to resign his commission, the Army told him it was too late. He then filed for an exemption from recall, which also was denied, Waple said.

Parrish has appealed that ruling.

Waple has said he believes Parrish is a victim of efforts by the military to keep as many people as possible in the Individual Ready Reserve so they can be called to active duty.

The Defense Department has been using numerous devices to keep enlistment up during the Iraq conflict, including a stop-loss order that prevents soldiers from leaving the military when their obligations end and multiple deployments of Guard and Reserve units.

Parrish, who grew up in Durham, attended North Carolina State University on a Reserve Officers' Training Corps scholarship. He served four years on active duty in the United States, completing that obligation in December 1997.

Last week, a California Army National Guard soldier sued the military in federal court in San Francisco over the concept of an all-volunteer military force.

Stop loss also was enacted during the buildup to the 1991 Persian Gulf War.



Shiite faithful in Basra, Iraq, hoist a picture of Grand Ayatollah Ali Hussein al-Sistani, 73, after he crossed into Iraq from Kuwait in a convoy Wednesday. Al-Sistani has been in London for medical treatment since Aug. 6, one day after clashes erupted in Najaf. His return could play a crucial role in stabilizing the crisis.

Top cleric returns to Iraq as fighting rages in Najaf

By ABDUL HUSSEIN AL-OBEDI

The Associated Press

NAJAF, Iraq — Iraq's most powerful Shiite cleric returned from Britain on Wednesday, and his aides called for a nationwide march to Najaf to end near three weeks of fierce fighting between U.S. forces and Shiite militants in this holy city.

In honor of Grand Ayatollah Ali Hussein al-Sistani's arrival, militants loyal to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr said they would support fighting with coalition and Iraqi forces in every region al-Sistani passes through on his way to Najaf, said al-Sadr aide Aws al-Khafaji.

Heavy fighting persisted in Najaf's Old City, the center of most of the past three weeks of clashes. U.S. warplanes fired on the neighborhood, helicopters flew overhead and heavy gunfire was heard in the streets, witnesses said.

Meanwhile, militants said Wednesday they had kidnapped the brother-in-law of Iraqi Defense Minister Hazem Shaalan and demanded he end all military operations in Najaf, according to a video, Al-Jazeera television reported.

In nearby Kufa, just northeast of Najaf, unidentified gunmen killed two people and wounded five others taking part in what appeared to be a peaceful demonstration supporting al-Sadr, said Mohammed Abdul Kadhim, an employee at Kufa's Furat al-Awsat Hospital.

Video tape from Associated Press Television News showed apparently unarmed demonstrators wounded during a few minutes of heavy gunfire, but it was not clear who was shooting. Witnesses said the gunfire appeared to come from an Iraqi National Guard post.

Witnesses said the marchers, numbering in the hundreds and carrying slogans in support of al-Sadr and pictures of both al-Sadr and al-Sistani, were headed to Kufa.

Earlier, Najaf Gov. Adnan al-Zurufi said Iraqi security forces had "taken all needed measures to prevent any crowds from entering the province," calling it a "military area."

In Kufa, Iraqi police sealed off the Old City, preventing cars from entering, and Najaf's police chief, Maj. Gen. Ghalib al-Jazairi, said al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militia was on its last legs.

"The Mahdi Army is finished," he said. "Its hours are numbered."

Witnesses in the Old City said militants were still fighting in the streets, though the relentless American attacks in Najaf appeared to be weakening them.

Police on Wednesday arrested several al-Sadr aides with valuables from the sacred Imam Ali

Shrine, which they control, in their possession, al-Jazairi said. One of al-Sadr's top lieutenants, Sheikh Ali Smeisim, was among those arrested, police officials said in a condition of anonymity.

Al-Sistani, 73, had been in London for medical treatment since Aug. 6, one day after clashes erupted in Najaf. The cleric wields enormous influence among Shiite Iraqis and his return could play a crucial role in stabilizing the crisis.

Interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's office issued a statement welcoming al-Sistani back "on behalf of all Iraqis."

Al-Sistani crossed into southern Iraq from Kuwait about midday in a caravan of sport utility vehicles accompanied by Iraqi police and national guardsmen, according to an Associated Press reporter with the convoy. The convoy stopped in the southern city of Basra.

Al-Sistani is heading to Najaf "to stop the bloodshed," said Al-Sayyid Murtadha Al-Kashmiri, an al-Sistani representative in London. "Those believers who wish to join him, let them join," he said.

In Shiite areas across Iraq, appeals issued from mosque loudspeakers urging Iraqis to heed al-Sistani's call.

In separate violence west of Baghdad, U.S. warplanes and tanks bombed the volatile city of Fallujah for more than two hours, killing at least four people, hospital officials and residents said.

Based in the city are Sunni insurgents the government believes are responsible for months of kidnappings, bombings and shooting attacks against coalition troops, Iraqi forces and civilians across Iraq.

Meanwhile, militants in Iraq threatened to behead two Turkish hostages if their company does not withdraw from the country within three days, Turkish media reported Wednesday.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Tuesday, 962 U.S. servicemen have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 720 died as a result of hostile action and 242 died of nonhostile causes.

The British military has reported 64 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, 11; Poland, 10; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, six; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 824 U.S. servicemen

have died — 611 as a result of hostile action and 213 of nonhostile causes, according to the military's numbers Tuesday.

Since the start of U.S. military operations in Iraq, 6,690 U.S. servicemen have been wounded in hostile action, according to the Defense Department's weekly tally.

The latest deaths reported by U.S. Central Command:

■ Assassins fired a rocket-propelled grenade at a U.S. patrol in Baghdad on Monday night, killing two soldiers, the military said.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ Marine Sgt. Richard Lord, 24, Gunning Springs, Fla., died Aug. 18 from injuries received in

combat in Anbar province, Iraq; assigned to 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

■ Marine Gunnery Sgt. Edward Reader, 32, Camp Verde, Ariz., died Saturday in a vehicle accident in Anbar province, Iraq; assigned to Headquarters and Service Battalion, 1st Force Service Support Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

■ Army 2nd Lt. Matthew Stovall, 25, Horn Lake, Miss., died Sunday in Mosul, Iraq, when an explosive detonated near his vehicle; assigned to the Army National Guard's 367th Maintenance Company, 298th Corps Support Battalion, Philadelphia, Miss.



Left: 1st Lt. Waylon Gross discusses routes with Jeffrey Brinkley, the U.S. Embassy's health attaché, on Tuesday during a safety brief. Brinkley was going to the Iraqi Ministry of Health in Baghdad. Center: It was wall-to-wall traffic for the "Hellraisers" from the 2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment Battery A as they made their way through Baghdad to drop off Brinkley. Right: Brinkley waves goodbye to convoy escort leader Gross before entering the Iraqi Ministry of Health.



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Steel Dragon burns up road with escort duty

Since April, 1st Cav GIs have driven more than 5 million miles in Iraq

BY LISA BURGESS

Stars and Stripes

CAMP STEEL DRAGON, BAGHDAD—Five million miles.

That's how far the crews of Task Force Steel Dragon have driven since April 8, when the battalion began escort duty in Iraq.

Hailing from Fort Hood, Texas, the 2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment passed the seven-figure mile marker on Saturday, according to Lt. Col. Gregory Schultz, the battalion commander.

Maintenance workers have been recording the mileage of each vehicle and adding them together, Schultz told Stars and Stripes on Tuesday inside the International Zone, the protected area in the middle of Baghdad that houses the U.S. Embassy and other critical Iraqi and global entities.

The Steel Dragons' mission is simple: provide convoy escort protection for employees of the U.S. Embassy and members of the Multinational Forces Iraq wherever they travel.

But nothing in Iraq is simple.

To begin with, the 1st Cavalry Division unit was not designed for security or military police work; it is a field artillery unit. So its soldiers have had to master an entirely different set of skills in a few months before deploying, Schultz said.

Thanks in part to lessons learned from its predecessor, the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, "we hit the ground pretty well prepared," Schultz said. "The only thing these guys lacked was real-world experience."

That came quickly. The week Task Force Steel Dragon began its escorts, Sadr City—a Baghdad slum with 2 million people—exploded in violence.

"Four days into our mission, four of our platoons had gotten attacked," Schultz said. "So within one week, our guys were veterans."

As of Saturday, the battalion had completed 2,610 missions.

Schultz said the task force has faced 50 attacks since April, from roadside bombs and mortars to rocket-propelled grenades and small-arms fire.

Yet not a single soldier from the battalion has been killed, though some 25 soldiers in the task force have been pinned on Purple Hearts, and one contractor died after a roadside bomb exploded, Schultz said.

About 70 percent of the battalion's missions are in Baghdad, Schultz said, but others take it everywhere in Iraq.

While "Baghdad is usually pretty safe," 1st Lt. Waylon Gross said, the longer trips can be different—especially when driving to sabotaged oil pipelines.

"When you're out in the middle of the desert, (insurgents) can just sit there and wait for you," Gross said. "They know you are coming. You have to come. And they wait for it."

Gross is platoon commander for 4th Platoon, Battery A. His "Hellraisers" are one of the battalion's most battle-hardened units, with more than 70 missions under its belts.

Inside Gross' boogie cap, neatly inked with crosshatches, is a record of what the soldiers have gone through in their five months in-country: nine enemies killed and 11 IEDs, or improvised explosive devices.

Gross said he stopped tracking mortar explosions after making at least 20 marks.

There have been lulls in the violence, notably after the interim Iraqi government took over, Schultz said.

Iraqi police are now taking a more active role, he added, which seems to be

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Pvt. Richard DeLeon, of Berlin, N.Y., is ready for trouble as he mans his weapon atop one of the 2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment armored Humvees during escort duty Tuesday in Baghdad.



Schultz

Maintenance crews also face danger on convoy missions

BY LISA BURGESS

Stars and Stripes

When it comes to dangerous missions, no one is exempt in the 2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment.

Maintenance crews, which keep the battalion's 200 vehicles running, often have to work around the clock.

If a particular part comes in at 11:30 p.m., the crew responsible for the broken vehicle immediately heads to the maintenance bay, said Capt. Austin Moffitt, the battalion's maintenance officer.

Iraq's rough roads and the enormous weight of the armored vehicles exponentially increase wear and tear.

"We've gone through about 300 tires in five months," said Sgt. Darren Ivey of Willingboro, N.J., who is in charge of provid-

"We went around [the roadblock of trash], but we noticed a guy calling on a phone, and then he ran. By the time we got [to the broken vehicle], the mortars were falling."

Sgt. Ngala Benn

talking about encountering an ambush while recovering a vehicle

ing parts for the battalion's vehicles. "In garrison, maybe we would go through 60 tires a year."

The toughest jobs come outside the safety of the secure maintenance bays.

Maintenance crewmembers ride along on convoys outside of Baghdad and have the unenviable task of recovering damaged vehicles.

Sgt. Ngala Benn and his driver, Pfc. Anthony Zamora, have completed seven major recovery missions since April using the behemoth (and non-air-conditioned) recovery vehicle nicknamed "Hookah."

Of those missions, four have drawn enemy fire, Benn said.

Getting shot at is never fun, especially when you are otherwise occupied and

can't shoot back, Benn said.

The pair's worst mission came earlier this month.

After a roadside bomb disabled a Humvee on the outskirts of Baghdad, Benn and Zamora got the call to bring it back.

Even before the rescue convoy got to the damaged Humvee, the recovery team hit a makeshift roadblock of trash tossed in the road.

"We went around it, but we noticed a guy calling on a phone, and then he ran," Benn said. "By the time we got [to the broken vehicle], the mortars were falling."

It was a full-out ambush.

As the team rolled to a stop, the small-arms fire erupted. Benn and Zamora could see the puffs of concrete dust as the bullets cratered the walls of nearby

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MIDEAST NOTEBOOK

Lisa Burgess, Jason Chudy and Seth Robson

Living life on the edge in the Middle East

Between mortar attacks, roadside bombs and the ever-present threat of car bombs, many soldiers deployed to Baghdad have more than a few reasons to be on edge.

Those nerves were tested Monday at a Camp Victory dining facility when cooks cleaning up the chow lines dropped a large metal pot.

The resulting "clang" blasted through the large dining hall, causing soldiers lingering over dessert to jump and spin around to locate the source of the racket. Many automatically reached for their weapons.

"Little jumpy?" Stripes asked a soldier who had virtually levitated from the lunch table when the vessel hit the floor.

He smiled sheepishly, ducked his head, and went back to his sandwich.

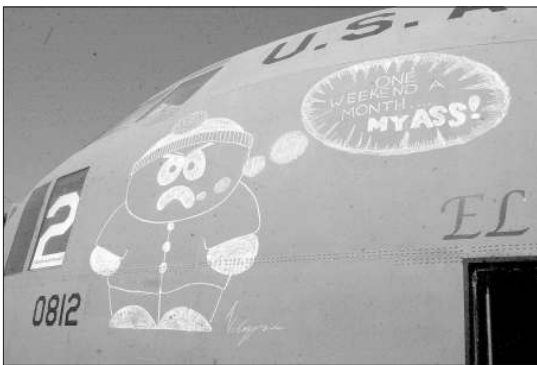
Anyone whose nerves are feeling frayed can vent to a professional ear at "HELP4," the 2nd Medical Brigade's Combat Stress program.

The Internet address is www.help4soldiers.com. In Central Iraq, the number to call, by DNVF phone, is 302-558-5546; in northern Iraq, 302-553-9525; in southern Iraq, 318-883-1322.

Trial, error, explosion

When tankers attached to the 7th Hood, Texas-based 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment found that their main gun rounds weren't exploding in the buildings they were firing at in Najaf, Iraq, they had to come up with a way to get the job done.

The M1A2 Abrams 120 mm



JON R. ANDERSON/Stars and Stripes

Above: Cartoon character Eric Cartman from "South Park," serving as nose art on a C-130, speaks for the crew of an Air National Guard unit deployed to Uzbekistan. The traditional recruitment slogan of "one weekend a month, two weeks a year" has become a common punchline for many deployed reservists and Guardsmen. **Right:** As the temperature began to rise in Najaf, Iraq, on Tuesday morning, a foam "snowman" created by a soldier from Company C, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment was placed on a Bradley armored fighting vehicle to remind everyone to "think cold."

main gun has basically two types of rounds: an armor-piercing shell and a multipurpose high explosive shell.

Tankers don't use the AP shells against anything other than tanks and armored vehicles, which they aren't facing in Iraq. Their multipurpose round can be set to ex-

plore in a ground target, such as a thick-walled bunker, or in an air burst over a target.

They found that setting the shell on ground mode would cause the round to penetrate the relatively thin walls of Najaf's buildings without exploding, like an AP shell.

Sgt. 1st Class Bruce Highley said the soldiers discovered that when they fire the shell for air burst, the pressure created by the shell entering the room will trigger the round, allowing the tankers to successfully destroy their targets.

Sunshine, partly cloudy

A cloud has been spotted near Camp Buehring, Kuwait.

The small, white, fluffy cloud was seen hovering above the laundry facility on Sunday. It is the



JASON CHUDY/Stars and Stripes

first cloud that soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team have seen since arriving in Kuwait more than two weeks ago.

One soldier from the South Korea-based unit stared up at the cloud, apparently daydreaming, and said: "It looks like a camel." "No, it doesn't," said another. "It looks like a Humvee."

No TV during dinner

Many mothers might approve of the decision to pull the switch on dining facility televisions at Camp Buehring.

For the past 10 days, soldiers at the base, mostly from the 2nd Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team, have downed their Fruit Loops without the benefit of FOX News.

Soldiers said they were told the TV turn-off is due to the large number of personnel living at the base. No TV will mean fewer square-eyed people lingering in the chow hall and more spaces for other hungry mouths.

The TV-deprived inhabitants were dealt another blow this week when the television in the Morale, Welfare and Recreation waiting room went on the blink. The cabinet where it once rested was empty, leaving soldiers to stare at a blank piece of wall for entertainment while they waited to use the Internet.

Starved of the quality programming provided by the American Forces Network, soldiers have been forced to amuse themselves in their free time. Many soldiers have taken to playing Frisbee, soccer and touch football in the evening instead of vegetating in front of the tube.

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Report faults intel unit for Iraq prison abuse

BY JOHN J. LUMPKIN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Twenty-seven people attached to an intelligence unit at Abu Ghraib prison near Baghdad either approved or participated in the abuse of Iraqi prisoners, an Army investigation found.

"We discovered serious misconduct and a loss of moral values," Gen. Paul Kern, the head of the investigation, told reporters Wednesday at the Pentagon.

Of the 27 individuals accused of complicity in the abuse, 23 were members of the 205th Military Intelligence Brigade that oversaw interrogations at Abu Ghraib. The other four were civilian contractors working for the unit.

Six more soldiers in the unit, and two additional contractors, witnessed the abuse but failed to report it, which also violates regulations, Kern said.

All of these people may face charges or disciplinary action for abuses that occurred between late July 2003 and early February 2004. Investigators recommended that an additional five people, including Col. Thomas Pappas, the commander of the 205th, face possible disciplinary action, Army officials said. While these individuals did not take part in abuses, they contributed to the conditions that allowed them to take place, officials said.

"There is no single, simple explanation for why the abuse at Abu Ghraib happened," according to the Fay report. One of the senior investigators was Maj. Gen. George Fay.

The report blames the abuses on several factors: "misconduct (ranging from inhumane to sadistic) by a small group of morally corrupt soldiers and civilians, a lack of discipline on the part of leaders and soldiers," and a "failure or lack of leadership" by higher command in Iraq.

The report distinguishes between the abuse depicted in many of the now-famous photographs from the prison, which the military says was committed by a small group of guards and others, and abuses committed during interrogations.

Seven members of the 800th Military Police Brigade, which supplied the guards at the prison, have been charged in connection with the abuses seen the photos.

The report said investigators discovered three more MPs who took part in abuses, and



Former secretary of defense James Schlesinger, left, and retired Gen. Chuck Horner, released a report Tuesday blaming senior defense leaders for lax oversight of military-run prisons in Iraq. A second report released Wednesday 27 people involved in the prison abuse scandal.

one more who knew of the mistreatment and did not report it. It also noted that two medics knew of the abuses but did not report them.

About two-thirds of the abuses during interrogations were committed by soldiers who wrongly believed they were using approved techniques or were unclear about what techniques they could legally use, Army officials said.

Fay said that some of the mistreatment amounted to torture. Kern said the most horrific abuse investigators discovered involved military dog handlers using their dogs to try to frighten two Iraqi adolescents into involuntarily fouling themselves.

"This is clearly a deviation from everything we've taught people how to behave," Kern said. "There were failures of leadership, of people seeing these things and not correcting them. There were failures of discipline."

The report attributes some problems to the influence of officials with "other government agencies" — a term frequently used by the Pentagon for the Central Intelligence Agency.

"It is clear that the interrogation practices of other government agencies led to a loss of accountability at Abu Ghraib," the report said.

The nonmilitary interrogators had wider latitude in determining what techniques they could use. They also kept at least eight "ghost detainees" — prisoners concealed from the International Committee of the Red Cross. One of those detainees died during interrogation.

The findings by Lt. Gen. Anthony R. Jones and Fay, came a day after an independent panel released a report blaming senior leaders, including Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and Joint Chiefs Chairman Richard Myers, for lax oversight and inattention to the issue of military-run prisons in Iraq. This contributed to the chaos at Abu Ghraib, said members of that panel, led by former Defense Secretary James Schlesinger.

That report, which looked at problems throughout the system of U.S.-run prisons in Iraq, Afghanistan and at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, said about one-third of the substantiated cases of prisoner abuse took place during interrogations.

Kerry calls for secretary to step down

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry on Wednesday renewed his call for Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld to resign and urged President Bush to appoint an independent investigation to provide reforms after a report faulted all levels of the military for abuse at Abu Ghraib prison.

"It's not just the little person at the bottom who ought to pay the price of responsibility," Kerry said at a Philadelphia union hall.

A report released Tuesday by an independent panel led by former Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger concluded that senior U.S. military leaders in Iraq and the Pentagon can be faulted for inattention to prisoner abuses, but it did not recommend that Rumsfeld step down.

"What is missing from all these reports is accountability from the senior civilian leaders in the Pentagon and in the White House," Kerry said. "From the bottom of the chain of command all the way to the top, there needs to be accountability. The Schlesinger report makes clear that Secretary Rumsfeld was responsible for setting a climate where these types of abuses could occur."

Months before prisoner abuse in Iraq came to light, Kerry called for Rumsfeld to resign because of what he said were numerous mistakes in the prosecution of the war.

Charges reduced for GI in Abu Ghraib case

BY DAVID RISING
The Associated Press

MANNHEIM, Germany — A U.S. military policeman accused in the Abu Ghraib prison abuse scandal had the charges against her reduced Wednesday as a set of pretrial hearings wrapped up at an American base in Germany.

The decision by military prosecutors could significantly reduce jail time for Spc. Megan Ambuhl — one of seven Army reservists charged with abuse of Iraqi prisoners — if she is found guilty.

Two counts of cruelty and maltreatment and one of conspiracy had been added after the investigation against Ambuhl was completed, a step her lawyers argued was improper and added a possible three more years of prison time.

Prosecutors had said Monday they would reopen the Article 32 hearing, the military equivalent

of a grand jury investigation. But prosecutor Capt. Christopher Graveline told a pretrial hearing Wednesday the government had changed its mind.

Ambuhl, of Centerville, Va., now faces a possible 7½ years in prison if convicted on one count of conspiracy, dereliction of duty, cruelty and maltreatment and indecent acts.

The hearing made plain that she is mainly accused of failing to intervene or report abuse at the prison outside Baghdad.

"All the charges that remain before the court are complicity and failure to act or report," her military lawyer, Capt. Jennifer Crawford, said in court.

"Spc. Ambuhl is charged basically with inactivity or failure to act," she said. "A natural reaction for a lay person would be: 'I would have done something.'"

Crawford asked the court to appoint a civilian prison psychologist as an expert witness, who she



Spc. Megan Ambuhl

said could help persuade a jury how the conditions at the prison might have affected her client's judgment.

Judge Col. James Pohl rejected her request for the specific expert, but said if the government could not provide an acceptable military counterpart in the coming weeks he would reconsider the motion.

Defense says Marine too sick, weak to have fatally hurt Iraqi POW

BY ROBERT JABLON
The Associated Press

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — A Marine accused of karate-kicking a handcuffed Iraqi POW who later died believed it was his role to show prisoners "who's boss" and to soften them up for interrogation, a prosecutor said Tuesday as the court-martial got under way.

But defense attorneys said during opening arguments that Sgt. Gary Pittman was too sick at the time Nagman Hatab was injured to have harmed him.

Pittman, 40, could get two years in a military prison if found guilty of assault and dereliction of duty in what is believed to be the first court-martial connected to the death of a prisoner in Iraq.

Prosecutor Maj. Leon Frances told the jury of nine Marine officers that Pittman kneed, kicked and punched Hatab and other Iraqi prisoners "just as a reprisal and

just because he was angry with them."

Frances said that when an interpreter objected to Pittman's actions, Pittman replied, "These prisoners need to know who's boss."

Defense lawyer Capt. Anders Fox argued that Pittman was suffering from diarrhea and too weak to injure Hatab. He suggested another Marine, Lance Cpl. William Roy, may have caused the injuries when he allegedly grabbed the inmate by the throat.

Folk also said two Marines will testify that Hatab was in pain of any pain after the alleged assault, and that a pathologist will testify Hatab's injuries could not have resulted from a single kick.

Hatab had been rumored to be an official of Saddam Hussein's Baath Party and part of the ambush of a U.S. Army convoy that left 11 soldiers dead and led to the capture of Pfc. Jessica Lynch and five others.

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Law would allow long-distance weddings

BY DIANNA MARDER
AND DAVID SWANSON
Knight Ridder Newspapers

PHILADELPHIA — Oh, the things we do for love.

When U.S. Marine 2nd Lt. Tommy Cogan, a 23-year-old nice guy from Philadelphia now serving in Iraq, and Theresa Elizabeth Arnold fell in love last year, no one imagined it would take an act of the California Legislature for them to marry.

But it will. Before the legislative session adjourns Friday, both the state Senate and Assembly are expected to overwhelmingly pass a bill that would let military men and women serving overseas in combat marry their state-side sweethearts by proxy.

No wedding date has been set, but all concerned are hoping the ceremony can happen before the bride gives birth.

She's due at the end of September — and it's a girl.

Hence the urgency. Cogan can't just leave his duty in Iraq. And until now, California law has demanded that the groom be present. So Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger

California legislation would make it possible for Marine in Iraq to marry fiancée by proxy

is expected to sign the bill, and there is speculation the governor may even stand in for the groom at the wedding.

'Lose my number, pal'

Tommy Cogan is a platoon leader in Echo Company, Second Battalion, Fourth Marine Regiment, which since March has been in Ramadi, on the main road between Baghdad and Jordan. A Sunni stronghold, it is among the most dangerous places in Iraq, and this Marine battalion has suffered the most casualties in the war.

Tommy Cogan joined the Marines after graduating from college in New York. He was in Quantico, Va., for training when he met Theresa.

"They were in a bar," his father began. He likes to tell this story because it shows Theresa's strength.

"Tommy comes in feeling good and he talks to Theresa and gets

her phone number. Now he's thinking he's hot stuff, so he walks around to another part of the bar and starts talking to another girl.

"Well, Theresa saw that and she came over and said, 'Lose my number, pal' — and walked out."

"Tommy was shocked. But that intrigued him. He gave up on the second girl and he and Theresa have been together ever since."

Finding a way

Theresa Arnold, 23, knows Army life. Born in Germany, where her father was stationed, she lived in Hawaii and Indiana before the family settled down in Fredericksburg, Va.

She was celebrating her 22nd birthday with a girlfriend the night she met Cogan and discovered their mutual interest in the military.

She was majoring in administration of justice at George Mason University.

The two talked about marriage early on and he made sure his parents met her before he left in November 2003 for Camp Pendleton, Calif.

As soon as her semester ended, Theresa drove out to be with Cogan and he surprised her with an engagement ring.

"He proposed," she said, "the moment I got there."

In February, Cogan left for Iraq, and soon after, Theresa learned she was carrying his child. Although he is slated to return from Iraq late next month, Cogan knows he could be delayed, or worse.

"In his letters, he said he was nervous about being a father," Theresa said. "And he told me to find a way for us to get married right away."

'Let's change the law'

As San Diego Superior Court Judge Jan Goldsmith, a former member of the state assembly, tells it, the would-be bride came into the courthouse in late June. She was looking for a judge to conduct her wedding ceremony and was told it could not happen without the groom.

When Goldsmith caught wind of the bride and groom's situation, he was appalled.

"I said, 'Let's change the law — that's ridiculous!'" Goldsmith recalled.

It didn't seem right, he said, that the nation asking Cogan to risk his life should deny him the opportunity to marry in time to give his child the security of medical benefits.

No one seems to know why the question of proxy marriage for military men and women had not presented itself forcefully before.

Only three states — Texas, Colorado and Montana — allow any form of proxy marriage.

The deadline for introducing bills was in February, but Goldsmith got the ranking Republican, Sen. James L. Brulte, and Senate President Pro Tem John Burton, a Democrat, to coauthor the legislation.

"It was a logistical nightmare," said Tom Sheehy, Brulte's legislative aide. "I told Brulte: 'This can't happen.' He said: 'Tom, get it done.'"



California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is expected to sign a bill that would permit 2nd Lt. Tommy Cogan to wed his fiancée by proxy before the birth of their first child. There is speculation Schwarzenegger will stand in for the groom at the ceremony.

Officially, Schwarzenegger's office has no comment on whether he will sign the bill, let alone stand in for the groom. But Goldsmith trusts that the governor will sign it. Nearly everyone who hears about this volunteers to stand in for the groom.

"I can't believe the governor would turn down that photo opportunity," said Goldsmith, who is among the volunteers.

Only one regret

In May, just after his company experienced some of its heaviest losses in combat, Cogan got letters from fourth graders at Chester A. Arthur elementary school, where his father teaches kindergarten.

The students wanted to know if he was scared or hungry. What is it like to be in combat, they asked? As a leader, how do you feel when your men get killed?

"During the firefights I didn't have time to think about it," Cogan wrote back. "But when the dust settles it really hits home."

"I lost some great Marines and my best friend. ... It hurt pretty bad picking up their bodies and taking them to get sent home."

"The hardest part is writing to their families. I always wonder if they blame me for what has happened."

"My only regret," he wrote, "is not being there for my future child's birth."

Cap flap for female Air Force squadron head

TUCSON, Ariz. — Lt. Col. Martha McSally, the first female head of an Air Force fighter squadron, may have her head in the clouds — but it's her hat that has gotten her in trouble.

McSally, 38, wore a men's flight cap during her installation ceremony as head of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base's 354th Fighter Squadron in July. Wearing the men's cap, which runs straight across the forehead rather than angling down toward the eyebrows, is forbidden for women under U.S. Air Force rules.

McSally previously won a case accusing the Defense Department of discrimination for forcing her to wear the long, black cloak worn by Muslim women when traveling off-base in Saudi Arabia. The policy was reversed.

Senior Master Sgt. Jacqueline Dean, chief of the board which oversees the dress code, said the regulations updated in early July specifically ban women from wearing the men's flight cap.

But dress code violations are rarely punished unless they are chronic, officials said.

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Final closing time at bar upsets patrons

Popular Patch Barracks watering hole Backlot to shut down in October for financial, safety reasons

BY CHARLIE COON

Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — The way the regulars see it, they're going to pave paradise and put up a parking lot.

"They've been trying to close this place for years; now they're trying to do it on the sneaky side," said Jerry Stottlemire, who has been patronizing the Backlot, a watering hole at Patch Barracks, on and off for 30 years.

The bar is to close in October for financial and safety reasons, according to an e-mailed response from the 6th Area Support Group, which oversees operation of the pub. The site is scheduled to be demolished in January, and a parking lot put in its place.

Patrons said they learned the Backlot was closing from the man who maintains its slot machines. He informed the patrons that the machines were being moved to the nearby Patch Community Club.

"They [base officials] are going to hurt themselves," Stottlemire said. "All they're going to do is upset a lot of people because the atmosphere here [at the Backlot] is completely different than the other two clubs [at Patch]."

The Backlot has operated at a loss of \$146,000 over the past three years, according to the ASG. The loss does not include its lucrative slot-machine revenue, which the ASG called "by far the highest" of any establishment on base.

According to the 6th ASG, the community club loses \$600 over the same three-year period, whereas a third Patch drinking establishment, the Swabian Special Events Center, made a profit of \$22,000.



Stottlemire

The Backlot bar also required \$544,000 in repairs to its electric and fire-safety systems to stay open, according to the ASG. That money would be better spent on other services, it said.

Backlot customers said the base has been pouring money for years into the Swabian, a former officers club, and the community club, where two restaurants have failed in the past five years.

The Backlot's kitchen was closed five years ago by the 6th ASG.

"When they had lunches here, there'd be a line out the door," Stottlemire said.

Despite the loss of the kitchen, the Backlot kept chugging along. Patrons built a patio in back and a small conference room inside. They painted the place and installed heat, air-conditioning and exhaust systems.

The kitchen opened for parties to celebrate promotions, departures and retirements. No one was charged to bring food and use the kitchen; they just had to clean up afterward.

Inside, flags from different states donated by patrons hang from the ceiling. Harley-Davidson memorabilia and state license plates decorate the place, too. An American Legion wall has pictures of all the presidents from Harry S. Truman through George W. Bush. Certificates of appreciation from past fund-raisers line the walls.

For the past 2½ years, the local American Legion has served pancake breakfasts on Sunday mornings.

Plans are for the fund-raising pancake breakfasts and profitable slot machines to be moved to the community club around the corner, according to Gary Miller, a retired Air Force master sergeant from Buffalo, N.Y., and a Backlot patron.

"If they had started putting money into [the Backlot] and stopped putting it into the other places," he said, "maybe it would be a different story."

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The Backlot bar at Patch Barracks in Stuttgart, Germany, which has been in business since the 1960s, is being closed by base officials, who cited financial and safety reasons.

Aviano baseball tourney big hit with youth teams

BY KENT HARRIS

Stars and Stripes

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy — Baseball's popularity is growing in Italy and Americans found that out firsthand last weekend.

Volunteers organized a two-day tournament for youths at Aviano last week and, according to organizers, about 300 Italian and American players and family members showed up.

"I had to turn down six other teams that wanted to come," said Tech. Sgt. Brown, one of the organizers.

As it was, four Italian teams played with a team of American counterparts in the 10- to 12-year-old age bracket, and three teams squared off against a group of 13- to 16-year-old Americans.

None of those participating — including the Americans — are affiliated with Little League baseball, which is currently holding its World Series in the States.

Brown said many Italian communities have youth baseball teams. Teams from Aviano have been playing them and traveling to their tournaments since shortly

after the 31st Fighter Wing activated in Aviano in 1994. Over the years, teams from Aviano have also played against the squads from the Czech Republic, Croatia and Slovenia.

Brown said there were a host of logistical factors in hosting a tournament on base. Fields were not a problem: The base has six, which are set to host the U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Army-Air Force softball championships in the next two weeks.

But getting the Italians on base, getting them sheltered in the nearby gym during a downpour Saturday and setting up a giant potluck dinner all provided challenges.

Because of the inclement weather Saturday, most games were played Sunday, with an Italian team from San Lorenzo winning the younger category and a squad from Trieste grabbing the crown for older players.

Brown said organizers hope to hold the tournament again next July and, if logistics can be worked out, invite more teams to participate.

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Vogelweh AAFES to give away Harley on Sept. 19

BY TERRY BOYD

Stars and Stripes

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Sergeants Council and the Company Grade Officers' Council — are helping sell 10,000 chances for \$1 each, Kyle said. Proceeds will go to three Air Force charities: Ramstein Area Chiefs' Group Scholarship Program, Holiday Cheer and Friends of Family Support.

Last March, for a motorcycle giveaway in April, ticket sales — which raised \$8,000 after printing costs — were conducted only at Ramstein and Kaiserslautern Military Community/Vogelweh.

This fall's event will expand to Baumholder, Kyle said. It will be the first time AAFES has had two such raffles in one year; the one earlier this year was the ninth annual Harley giveaway, he said.

"We added another this year. New Car Sales kind of twisted Harley's arm to give a second bike because we have so many troops returning" from deploy-

ments in Iraq, Kyle said. Troops assigned to the 2nd Brigade and Division Artillery of the 1st Armored Division returned in June to Baumholder from a 15-month Iraq deployment.

Tickets go on sale at the Baumholder post exchange this weekend, Kyle predicted. Chances will sell out before the September drawing. "We've still got a couple of good weekends," he said.

Those weekends include the Officers Wives Club Bazaar at Ramstein the weekend of the drawing. The bazaar typically draws thousands of people from across the U.S. military community.

The April Harley giveaway, supported by the Army Sergeants Major Association, raised money for Special Olympics and the Fisher House Foundation.

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Courtesy of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service

A huge crowd showed up for the annual Harley-Davidson giveaway in April at the Vogelweh shopping complex in Kaiserslautern, Germany. A second giveaway, a first for AAFES, will be held in September.

Chief petty officer dropped one pay rate for drunken driving

BY SCOTT SCHONAUER

Stars and Stripes

NAVAL STATION ROTA, Spain — A Navy chief petty officer was dropped a pay rate after admitting during a court-martial hearing Wednesday that he was drunk when he backed his vehicle into a pier security barricade.

Chief Petty Officer Nikita R. Riles, an information technician in Rota, pleaded guilty to driving with a blood-alcohol reading of 0.21, more than twice the legal limit.

He told the Navy judge, Capt. Dave White, that on June 19 he went bar-hopping with a friend, whose ship was making a port visit. After driving to the city of El Puerto de Santa Maria and to another bar

in Rota, he dropped his friend off at the base pier. When he put his Isuzu Rodeo in reverse to leave, he ran into the concrete barrier.

He stopped, surveyed the damage and drove away, he said. But security guards at the pier called base police, who apprehended Riles. Patrol officers testified that Riles was traveling around 60 mph down a main base road.

The defense attorney, Lt. Scott Stoenberg, estimated Riles would lose \$90,000 in retirement pay over a 20-year period because of the reduction. Riles, who joined the Navy at 17, is two years from retirement.

Two other related charges were dropped during the hearing.

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Paris recalls euphoria of WWII liberation

BY ELAINE GANLEY

The Associated Press

PARIS — Paris turned back the clock Wednesday for a grandiose fete to remember the tears, the joy and the euphoria that heralded the liberation of the French capital 60 years ago as it threw off the shackles of Nazi occupation.

Ceremonies expected to draw thousands of people into the streets began with six firefighters hoisting the French tricolor atop the Eiffel Tower, re-enacting the emotional moments of Aug. 25, 1944, when the national flag was again displayed after four years of German rule.

Recreating the moment was intended to honor the six firefighters who carried out the dramatic gesture on liberation day.

When the Nazis first marched into town, they ordered the flag pulled down. The man who reluctantly followed Nazi orders and took it down on June 13, 1940, was Capt. Lucien Sarniguet — and he had vowed to raise it again one day.

"He swore that he would be the one to put it back up. He kept his word," said Sarniguet's daughter, Jeanne-Marie Badoche, 77, who attended the ceremony with her family. "For four long years, he waited for that day."

Sarniguet had a flag fashioned out of



Firefighters dressed in World War II uniforms Wednesday reenacted the hoisting of the French flag atop the Eiffel Tower done on Aug. 25, 1944, upon France's liberation from Nazi Germany. Ceremonies marked the 60th anniversary of the liberation.

dyed sheets and hid it during the Nazi occupation so the Germans wouldn't find it, she said.

Pierre Noel, one of two surviving fire-

fighters out of the original six, attended Wednesday's ceremony, proudly displaying a chest full of medals. He received the City of Paris' highest honor — the Grand

Vermeil Medal — from Mayor Bertrand Delanoë.

Paris also was honoring its liberators — Resistance fighters who took their clandestine battle to the streets and French and American soldiers whose military might assured victory.

Paris — shamed, hungry and on its knees for four years during World War II — was still standing on liberation day, spared Adolf Hitler's threat of demolition.

The main ceremony of the multifaceted commemoration was to be held at City Hall late Wednesday, with President Jacques Chirac paying tribute to veterans and Resistance fighters before 4,000 guests.

With the liberation, "Paris again became a city of light," said noted director Jerome Savary, who enlisted 1,000 Parisians for celebrations that are to crisscross the city and end with a street ball.

Solemnity also was in order. More than 1,400 Parisians — including 582 civilians — were killed in street battles, according to the Jean Moulin Museum. Some 3,200 Nazis were killed.

At the Place de la Concorde, Chirac paid special tribute to Gen. Philippe Leclerc's 2nd Armored Division, greeting some 600 soldiers — including 100 veterans — who, starting Tuesday, retraced the soldiers' journey into the capital.



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Mark Thatcher charged in alleged coup plot

Margaret Thatcher's son reportedly provided financing to overthrow African government

BY ELLIOTT SYLVESTER

The Associated Press

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — Mark Thatcher, the son of former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, was arrested Wednesday and charged with helping to finance a failed plot to overthrow the government of oil-rich Equatorial Guinea.



Thatcher

Court, where he was charged with violating South Africa's Foreign Military Assistance Act.

"We have evidence, credible evidence, and information that he was involved in the attempted coup," police spokesman Sipho Ngwenya said before the arraignment. "We refuse that South Africa be a springboard for coups in Africa and elsewhere."

Thatcher was placed under house arrest and given until Sept. 8 to post bail of 2 million rands, or nearly \$300,000.

Defense lawyer Peter Hodes said Thatcher was arrested on suspicion of providing financing for a helicopter linked to the coup plot. "He will plead not guilty," Hodes said.

Thatcher's court appearance was delayed when he was robbed of his shoes, jacket and cell phone in a crowded holding cell, according to a court official who witnessed the attack. Thatcher did not appear to have been injured and police were seeking to recover the items, the witness said.

Thatcher, who has a twin sister and is the only son of Lady Thatcher and the late Denis Thatcher, was in his pajamas when police arrived at his home in the upscale suburb of Constantia and he was allowed to take a shower before they began examining his records and computers, Ngwenya said.

Thatcher is accused of helping finance a plot to oust President Teodoro Obiang of Equatorial Guinea, which authorities say was foiled in March. "We believe Mr. Thatcher assisted in finance and logistics," Ngwenya said.

Equatorial Guinea, Africa's third-largest oil producer, put 19 people on trial this week for the alleged plot. One other defendant died in custody under suspicious circumstances. Seventy other accused mercenaries are on trial separately in Zimbabwe.

At the trial, a lawyer representing the government said the country would be interested in extraditing Thatcher. But no arrest warrant has been announced.

The 19 defendants on trial

since Monday are charged with attempting to assassinate a head of state, illegal possession of arms and explosives, terrorism, treason and endangering the public.

A lead defendant, South African arms dealer Nick du Toit, testified Wednesday that he attended a July 2003 meeting in South

Africa with Thatcher and Simon Mann of Britain, who is on trial in Zimbabwe as the alleged head of the plot.

But Thatcher only showed interest in buying military helicopters for a mining enterprise in Sudan, said du Toit, who faces the death penalty for his alleged role in the

plot. "This was a normal business deal," du Toit testified.

Obiang's 25-year-old regime — accused by the U.S. State Department and others of torture and other abuses — is at the center of an oil boom in the Gulf of Guinea. The region is estimated to hold 10 percent of the world's oil re-

serves, and some of its most corrupt governments.

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IN THE STATES

Report supports Kerry boat story

BY MATT KELLEY
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Navy task force overseeing John Kerry's swift boat squadron in Vietnam reported that his group of boats came under enemy fire during a March 13, 1969, incident that three decades later is being challenged by the Democratic presidential nominee's critics.

The March 18, 1969, weekly report from Task Force 115, which was located by The Associated Press during a search of Navy archives, is the latest document to surface that supports Kerry's description of an event for which he won a Bronze Star and a third Purple Heart.

The Task Force report twice mentions the incident five days earlier and both times calls it "an enemy initiated firefight" that included automatic weapons fire and underwater mines used against a group of five boats that included Kerry's.

Task Force 115 was commanded at the time by retired Rear Adm. Roy Hoffmann, the founder of the group Swift Boat Veterans for Truth, which has been running ads challenging Kerry's account of the episode.

A member of the group, Larry

Thurlow, said Tuesday he stood by his assertion that there was no enemy fire that day.

Thurlow, the commander of another boat who also won a Bronze Star, said task force commanders probably relied on the initial report of the incident. Thurlow says Kerry wrote that report.

The document, part of thousands of pages of records housed at the Naval Historical Center, is one of several that say Kerry and other servicemen were shot at from the banks of the Bay Hap River on March 13, 1969. The Associated Press located the document Tuesday during a search of available records.

Earlier this month, Swift Boat Veterans for Truth aired a television ad claiming Kerry lied about the circumstances surrounding his medals. Several members of the group who were aboard nearby boats that March 13 said in the ad and in affidavits that there was no enemy gunfire during the incident.

The anti-Kerry group has not produced any official Navy documents supporting that claim, however. The man Kerry rescued, Jim Rassmann, and the crew of Kerry's boat all say there was gunfire from both banks of the river at the time.



Democratic presidential nominee Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., left, appears on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" on Tuesday night. Kerry joked about holding his inauguration on the show.

Kerry makes fake news debut

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — After weeks of charge and countercharge in the presidential campaign, comedian Jon Stewart tried Tuesday to get to the bottom of the debate over Democrat John Kerry's military service in Vietnam.

"I watch a lot of the cable news shows, so I understand that you were never in Vietnam," asked Stewart, host of Comedy Central's "The Daily Show."

"That's what I understand, too, but I'm trying to find out what happened," Kerry joked.

As Kerry launched into one of his lengthy monologues about why President Bush avoids talking about issues like the economy, jobs and the environment, the comedian interrupted.

"I'm sorry," Stewart said. "Were you or were you not in Cambodia?"

Stewart and Kerry then leaned in to stare each other down over the comedian's desk before Stewart asked about some of the other things Kerry's opponents are saying about him.

"Are you the number one most liberal senator in the Senate?" he asked, joking about claims that Kerry is "more liberal than Karl Marx, apparently."


"No," Kerry answered. Stewart also sought answers to another hard-hitting question: "Is it true that every time I use ketchup, your wife gets a nickel?" The candidate's wife, Teresa Heinz Kerry, is heir to the Heinz food fortune.

"Would that it were," Kerry said. When the conversation turned serious, Stewart asked Kerry how he would counter Bush's ability in debates to turn issues into a choice between his position and the opposition.

Kerry said the debates would be a challenge. "The president has won every debate he's ever had," Kerry said.

Kerry offered an interesting observation on life as a presidential candidate.

"You'd be amazed at the number of people who want to introduce themselves to you in the men's room," he said. "It's the most bizarre part of this entire thing."




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Bush election lawyer quits

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An election lawyer for President Bush who also has been advising a veterans group running TV ads against Democrat John Kerry resigned Wednesday from Bush's campaign.

"I cannot begin to express my sadness that my legal representations have become a distraction from the critical issues at hand in this election," Benjamin Ginsberg wrote in a resignation letter to Bush released by the campaign.

"I feel I cannot let that continue, so I have decided to resign as national counsel to your campaign to ensure that the giving of legal advice to decorated military veterans, which was entirely within the boundaries of the law, doesn't distract from the real issues ..."

Ginsberg's acknowledgment Tuesday evening that he was providing legal advice to the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth marked the second time in days that a person associated with the Bush-Cheney campaign had been connected to the group, which Kerry accuses of being a front for the Republican incumbent's re-election effort.

The Bush campaign and the veterans' group have said repeatedly that there is no coordination.

Lawyers on the Democratic side are also representing both the campaign or party and outside groups running ads in the presidential race. Ginsberg's dual role has drawn attention because of an ad the group ran accusing Kerry of exaggerating his Vietnam War record.



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Parked at the park

Park Service tries to keep tourists up on road projects

By BECKY BOHRER

The Associated Press

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. — Stuck in a long line of vehicles near a construction site, Darby Long took the delay in stride on a hot August day. He reclined in his SUV, dug a foot out a window and tried to catch a short nap.

"For me, this hasn't been a big deal," said a slightly disheveled Long, of Charleston, S.C., trying to get a little hiking done at Yellowstone. "There are worse places to be stuck."

It may be the splendor and natural beauty that attract travelers like Long to Yellowstone and other national parks each summer. But it's the road construction, the subsequent traffic delays and long lines that often keep them stalled.

Summer construction is a fact of life for many national parks — and an inconvenience not all trav-



Motorcyclists pass the time talking to a road crew worker during a road construction stop inside Yellowstone National Park, Wyo., recently. Summer road work often causes frustrating traffic jams at national parks.

elers take as well as Long.

Mindful of that, the Park Service and some of the towns near park entrances are trying to make the construction a bit more bearable.

They're using tools like the Internet and e-mail, and old-fashioned methods like fliers and word of mouth, to keep travelers aware of roadwork and delays — all in hope of keeping frustration levels low.

Besides Yellowstone, where three large road constructions

projects are under way, work has begun on what's expected to be the largest overhaul in decades on the famous Going-to-the-Sun Road in Glacier National Park in northwestern Montana.

In Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming, crews are in the first of a planned two-year, \$5 million project for 17 miles of major road improvement. And work has also begun on a stretch of the scenic Beartooth Highway, near Yellowstone's least-visited northeast gate and the town of Cooke City,

Mont.

Yellowstone employees now distribute road information fliers with maps at park entrances. Local business and tourism officials send faxes and e-mails to motor clubs and other contacts. And park concession workers provide information in park lodges and in confirmations sent in advance to visitors who've booked stays.

Lisa Murphy, a spokeswoman for the Wyoming Department of Transportation, said keeping the public informed is crucial.

Drifter may be witness

SANTA ROSA, Calif. — A 21-year-old man who recently left his Wisconsin home to roam California has contacted police after learning from media reports that he was a potential witness in the mysterious shooting deaths of two Christian camp counselors.

Sonoma County detectives sent out a statewide alert Tuesday seeking Nicholas Edward Scarseth, a skateboarder from Chippewa Falls, Wis., as a "potential witness" in the killings.

Scarseth was stopped for violating a skateboarding ordinance Friday — days before authorities were seeking him — in Fort Bragg, about 100 miles north of Jenner. That's where Lindsay Cuthall, 23, and her fiancé, Jason Allen, 26, were found last week shot to death in their sleeping bags on a remote beach.

Hunt for motorcyclists

ST. LOUIS — Authorities searching for a pack of highway stunt motorcyclists blamed for a wreck that seriously hurt five people in a sport utility vehicle say the case demonstrates how devil-may-care, high-speed antics can harm more than the dare-devils.

A handful of motorcyclists were on Highway 364 on Saturday when they changed lanes and cut off a Ford Explorer, forcing that vehicle to swerve to the right and hit a Chevrolet Suburban.

The Suburban tumbled down an embankment, ejecting most of its eight occupants.

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Mistaken fund cuts

LA NEW ORLEANS — U.S. Environmental Protection Agency officials said they mistakenly proposed to cut funds to three estuary programs in Texas and Louisiana in an effort to plug holes in a \$3.5 billion deficit.

Last week, letters were sent to the three programs saying funding would be cut by about \$56,000 for each one, which is about 11 percent of their annual budgets.

EPA's regional office that covers Texas and Louisiana proposed the cuts to make up for a deficit of \$1 million for salaries and \$2.5 million for operating costs, said Miguel Flores, director of EPA's regional water quality protection division.

The estuary programs — the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program in Louisiana and the Galveston Bay Program and Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program in Texas — are part of the National Estuary Program. Upon review, Flores said his agency realized that NEP funding could not be touched.

Submerged-car death

VT KILLINGTON — A North Clarendon man was found dead inside his vehicle, which was submerged in a sewage pond. State police were called by workers at the maintenance building at the Sunrise Homeowners Association in Killington.

Police said Christian Hansen, 45, an employee from the maintenance building, was reported missing and so was his vehicle. Co-workers suspected that the vehicle may have accidentally been driven into a sewage pond adjacent to the maintenance building.

Beating the system

TX BROWNSVILLE — South Texas college students looking to save money are heading to Mexico to copy their textbooks before returning them for a refund.

Jules Frapart, general manager of the Book Bee in Brownsville, said students commonly buy books from him, copy them in Matamoros, Mexico, and return them.

An employee at Papeleria La Espanola in Matamoros said it costs 3.5 U.S. cents per page to copy a book. Pasting or binding the book costs \$2.36. That adds up to less than \$13 to copy a 300-page book.

Textbooks range in price from \$20 to more than \$100 at Frapart's store in Brownsville.

Josefina Ruiz, a recent graduate of the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College, said copying textbooks is wrong but is sometimes justified. She said the government and university don't provide enough money for the average student to pay for classes.

Ready for candidates

WI MADISON — Wisconsin cities are shelling out tens of thousands of dollars to keep President Bush and Democratic rival John Kerry safe as they make stop after stop in the Dairy State.

The visits force cities to absorb thousands of dollars in overtime for police, paramedics and street



crews. Several cities are contemplating billing the campaigns, although federal law doesn't require campaigns to pay.

Park road closed

MT WEST GLACIER — A 6-mile stretch of the popular Going-to-the-Sun Road in Glacier National Park remained closed following a series of weekend mud and rock slides, park officials said. The road from the Loop to Logan Pass on the west side is expected to remain closed through midweek while crews attempt to remove an estimated 200 truckloads of debris.

Dangerous curves

NC SPARTA — The Blue Ridge Parkway has become the scene of an increasing number of motorcycle wrecks that rangers say probably are the result of inexperienced or inattentive drivers on the winding mountain highway.

The parkway's sometimes steep grades and changes in radius can prove tricky. More often than not, motorcycle accidents are happening at or below the parkway's 45-mph speed limit, rangers say.

Some, including a fatal accident last week, have been on straight stretches of road on dry, clear days. Ten people died on motorcycles from 1998-2000, the most recent years for which accident figures are available.



Guard dog

A Silky Yorkie named Pool relays by an award-winning vintage 1936 Chevrolet Low Cab owned by Roger Mills, of Floresville, Texas, during the 4th Annual Big Bands and Cool Cars event in Kerrville, Texas.

Sex ring busted

ME SACO — A Saco woman's report of a sexual assault led police to a Skowhegan man they say was running a prostitution ring from his mobile home, using a cellular telephone and the Internet.

Police arrested James R. Taylor, 47, on a charge of promoting prostitution after allegedly taking money as payment for a liaison between a man and the woman, who was employed by Taylor's Escorts and Entertainers service.

Police say the 23-year-old woman, who also worked at a Portland gentlemen's club, reported that she had been sexually assaulted by a man who did not pay her for sexual services.

Taylor also was charged with possession of drugs including cocaine, opiates and marijuana.

Two found shot dead

TX DALLAS — A man and his nephew were found shot to death at a residence where hundreds of roosters were being kept. Authorities said they had few details but believed the two were feeding the roosters when they were shot.

The bodies were found by a relative, Dallas Police Sgt. A.R. Martinez said. "We're just trying to work what we have and it's not too much right now," he said.

The shootings occurred in a rural area of Dallas.

Campaign fund changes

OH COLUMBUS — Gov. Bob Taft and Secretary of State Kenneth Blackwell are again calling for sweeping changes to the way campaigns are funded in Ohio. Both want public disclosure of the names of all contributors to independent ad campaigns and political party operating accounts. The accounts fund salaries, building maintenance and activities meant to strengthen political parties.

Prison for beating mom

GA MARIETTA — Steven Bone became the first person to be sentenced for physically abusing an elderly person under a state law that makes such crimes a felony.

Bone, 41, was sentenced to 20 years in prison for mistreating his mother and threatening to kill her if she complained about him stealing her Social Security checks.

Geneva Bone, 71, was kept locked in a bedroom and deprived of food.

West Nile virus alert

HI HONOLULU — State health officials are asking island doctors to be on the lookout for any cases of West Nile virus.

The Department of Health said there have been no cases of the disease reported in Hawaii.

However, there has been a rise in the number of cases along the West Coast, which increases the risk of the disease finding its way to Hawaii, officials said.

The sometimes-fatal disease is spread by the bite of infected mosquitoes. People, birds and other animals can become infected, but West Nile virus isn't transmitted from person to person or from birds to people.



Laying it in

Joshua Braxton shoots a basketball at Randolph Community Center in Richmond, Va.

Heavy lifting

Jared Lacko, 4, runs with a cube of air in Bristol, Conn., during the city's heritage festival.



Paddling in the Potomac Surfers and kayakers, with the Key Bridge in the background, take on the Potomac River along the banks of Washington, D.C. It was a part of the Capitol Chapter of Surfrider Foundation's 10th annual Paddle For Clean Water, for awareness on pollution problems along Potomac, Anacostia watersheds, the Bay and Atlantic beaches.



Nice shades Cujo, a teacup Chihuahua, peers over sunglasses prior to competing in the swimsuit competition at the Doggie Splash in Abilene, Texas.



Cowabunga! Mike Royal lands a jump during the 2004 U.S. National Disabled Water Ski Championships in Ferguson Falls, Minn. Royal was competing in the V-2/3 division for the visually impaired.



Sunflower feast A bumble bee prepares to land on a large sunflower in Yellow Springs, Ohio.

Banning rentals

TX GALVESTON — Some Texas Gulf Coast communities are joining a nationwide trend of banning short-term rentals of vacation homes in an effort to protect the peace and quiet of their neighborhoods.

But some critics say the trend could cost cities hundreds of thousands of dollars in hotel occupancy taxes that they use for cleaning and patrolling beaches and could drive investors out of the beach-and-bay real estate market.

In 2003, the total local hotel and motel tax, which would include homes and corporate-owned properties, totaled \$2.7 million, with a state rebate of \$1.3 million to the island.

Hurricane brings stork

VA CHARLOTTESVILLE — Hurricane Isabel wasn't all bad, apparently.

Martha Jefferson Hospital is reporting record numbers of births for June and July, and Isabel can take the credit.

Isabel slammed Virginia on Sept. 18, 2003. There were 168 births in June, and 163 in July — about 20 more than usual for each month. When Isabel struck, Martha Jefferson nurses said they knew they'd be facing a storm of their own nine months later.

"Historically, when we have power outages or snowstorms, we'll see a burst of babies," nurse Kim Smith said. "With Isabel, the power was out for a long time."

New home for bears

RI ATTLEBORO — They helped put Capron Park Zoo on the map, but now it's time for the sloth-bear parents to bid adieu to their twin cubs.

Zoo officials separated the twin female cubs from their parents and started looking for a new home for them when mating season began earlier this year because they feared that Dad might take a liking to one of them.

The 19-month-old cubs are not only too young to have children of their own, but zoo director Shira Marcuse says a father-daughter creation would not result in good gene pairing and a successful birth.

For unknown reasons, there is a 50 percent mortality rate for sloth bears, an endangered species.

Heat, fuel fund program

AK JUNEAU — A new state loan program aims to help rural communities whose poor credit history has made them ineligible for state loans to buy winter heating oil and diesel fuel. The program pairs cash-strapped villages and regional partners, such as utilities, that will ensure the loans are repaid.

The partners will provide financial oversight and management training.

Activist loses lawsuit

NV RENO — Guy Felton, an activist accused of using foul language before being forcibly removed from a 1999 council meeting, lost his federal lawsuit against former Mayor Jeff Griffin.

A judge ruled that Griffin was trying to curb Felton's disruptive behavior, not to limit his speech, when he threw him out of the council chambers.

Felton said he will appeal.

Collecting for orphans

IA GARRISON — An eastern Iowa woman is gathering shoes, socks and clothing to send to orphans in Afghanistan who will soon face the country's harsh winter. Jenni Barker's father, who's stationed with the Iowa National Guard near an orphanage, recently sent an e-mail pleading for more than 300 pairs of shoes.

Barker has put collection boxes in local businesses.

Parking revenue down

CO DENVER — Mayor John Hickenlooper's campaign pledge to lower parking meter rates downtown paid off politically but isn't paying off fiscally. The city has collected about \$500,000 less in parking revenue during Hickenlooper's first year in office. His administration reduced the hourly parking rate to \$1 from \$1.50 and made parking free on Sunday.

Lake protection plan

NV LAS VEGAS — The seven states sharing the Colorado River are considering a plan to protect Lake Powell by cutting the amount of water released downstream to Lake Mead, a Nevada water official said.

Under the plan, which could be implemented if drought persists through the winter, the amount of water released from Lake Powell, on the Utah-Arizona border, would be reduced from 8.23 million acre-feet to 7.8 million acre-feet, Southern Nevada Water Authority General Manager Pat Mulroy said.

The nearly 9.5 percent reduction could help keep Lake Powell from shrinking further, jeopardizing power generation at Glen Canyon Dam. But it could also accelerate a drop in the water level downstream at Lake Mead, the primary water supply for Las Vegas, Mulroy said.

Town honors Disney

MO MARCELINE, — The town of Marceline dedicated its post office to Walt Disney, a hometown boy who made good.

Disney was born in Marceline on Dec. 5, 1901. The post office was renamed in his honor after Rep. Sam Graves and Sen. Jim Talent sponsored a bill authorizing the change.

A souvenir "Walt Disney Post Office" postmark will soon be offered at the Marceline facility.

City to fly 1814 flag

MD BALTIMORE — Mayor Martin O'Malley ordered all city buildings to replace their modern American flags with the flag that inspired the national anthem.

The 15-star, 15-stripe design flew over Fort McHenry in 1814, when it survived a fierce bombardment from British ships. A replica is already flying at City Hall.

Stories and photos from wire services

YOUR MONEY

Satellite: A teletelstar

Service making big gains in market once dominated by cable

BY SANDY SHORE
The Associated Press

DENVER — As a self-described creature of habit, Glen Goldman stayed loyal to his cable company until he was left without a choice.

Goldman switched to satellite TV service when he moved into a new home that lacked the proper wiring for cable and he's never looked back. The advantage he sees roll off his tongue — digital picture, high-definition TV, more channels and a user-friendly channel guide.

"The number of channels and variety is much better than what I had in cable for a few dollars more a month," Goldman said. "I like being able to get the direct signal without it being weakened by having to go through various switches and cable lines."

The Denver attorney is among thousands of Americans who have defected to satellite TV as the providers have reported hefty gains while the cable industry has declined. Consumers likely will see aggressive marketing promotions in the next six months as companies jockey for customers, analysts say.

The battle comes down to service and price: Cable companies offer video-on-demand features, high-speed Internet and, in some cases, telephone service. Satellite providers have all-digital service and channel packages that can be

cheaper and broader than digital cable.

"The consumer is voting with their pocketbook and they're saying they prefer satellite, and I don't think we're as good as we're going to get," CEO Charlie Ergen of EchoStar's Communications Corp., which operates the Dish Network, told analysts last week.

Comcast Corp., the nation's largest cable company, is expecting a slightly more competitive environment but believes it will post a net subscriber gain by year end. "We like the fact that we're going to have unique competitive advantages in the marketplace," said Dave Watson, executive vice president of Comcast Satellite.

Satellite television has grown substantially since 1999 when Congress allowed providers to begin offering local channels. Today, it has nearly one-fourth of all households that subscribe to pay television services.

News Corp.'s DirecTV, the nation's largest satellite TV provider, is in 106 markets and No. 2 EchoStar is in 144 markets.

By June 30, the satellite providers had posted a combined net gain of about 1.6 million subscribers, putting their total of 23.2 million subscribers, according to Kagan Research LLC, a media business research firm.

Part of the growth can be attributed to the expansion into new

markets, including rural areas, as well as competitive pricing because cable customers typically have to pay extra for digital service, analysts say.

Satellite providers also have been quicker to the market with innovative technology, such as interactive services and digital video recorders, said Sean Bading, president of The Carmel Group market research firm.

Goldman, who purchased his Dish satellite service from Sun Comm Technologies Inc., pays from \$10 to \$15 more a month than he did for analog cable. He particularly enjoys the DVR, which allows him to record multiple showings of a program his 3-year-old son loves.

"That's extremely important when you have a kid that loves a certain cartoon and they may be in school or unavailable," he said. "You want to get them so they can watch that at some point in the day when you need a few minutes to yourself."

Dish satellite industry posted a net loss of about 300,000 subscribers in the first six months, dropping its total to about 65.7 million, said cable analyst Renee Shoenig of Kagan Research LLC, a media business research firm.

About 80 percent of television households in the United States subscribe to some sort of pay television service, leaving the market mature but not saturated, she said.



Denver attorney Glen Goldman holds the remote control for his satellite TV service as he watches the Olympic Games coverage in his Littleton, Colo., home last week. Goldman is among thousands of Americans who have defected from cable TV. Satellite TV providers have reported hefty gains while the cable industry has declined.

Most analysts believe cable will rebound slightly by year end, with flat to modest growth. Satellite will grow steadily, they say, until it completes local market launches.

They note that a key advantage cable has over satellite is broadband Internet service. Both satellite providers have marketing relationships with some telephone companies that offer DSL lines, but they are not truly bundled services, Shoenig said.

Ergen said his company is making "small bets" on broadband

technology, such as its relationship with San-Antonio-based SBC Communications Inc. It also is scheduled to launch a satellite next month that has some broadband capability and some satellite spectrum will be available in the next few years that will have more wireless capability, he said.

"We're treading water because we don't know how it's all going to turn out," he said. "I feel pretty comfortable that we understand the technology and discipline. When it's all said and done... I think we will be in pretty good shape."

TUESDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

INDEXES				
52-week				
High	Low	Net	%	52-week
		Last	Chg	High
10,533.5	10,530.47	10,509.01	+0.25	10,533.5
3,212.25	2,695.50	2,695.50	+0.11	3,212.25
2,887.2	2,361.1	2,361.1	+0.02	2,887.2
1,278.18	959.87	959.87	+0.12	1,278.18
1,132.3	983.57	983.57	+0.01	1,132.3
590.63	548.14	548.14	+0.01	590.63
696.42	477.51	477.51	+0.01	696.42
11,717.14	9,551.91	9,551.91	+0.01	11,717.14

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Most Active (\$1 or more)				
Name	Vol	Chg	%	Vol
Alcoa	274,883	1.07	+0.01	274,883
Arcelor	240,887	1.34	+0.01	240,887
General Motors	198,085	1.31	+0.01	198,085
Intel	157,982	32.43	+0.01	157,982
IBM	152,461	18.86	+0.01	152,461
United Technologies	139,466	7.99	+0.01	139,466
AMC	126,461	1.33	+0.01	126,461
Boeing	117,982	17.21	+0.01	117,982
ExxonMobil	109,024	31.31	+0.01	109,024
Johnson	103,924	44.46	+0.01	103,924

KEY DEFENSE STOCKS				
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Airbus	35	35.58	35.58	+0.01
Boeing	36	45.50	45.50	+0.01
General Dynamics	1.44	37.45	37.45	+0.01
Halliburton	0.80	28.29	28.29	+0.01
Lockheed Martin	0.50	28.29	28.29	+0.01
Northrop Grumman	0.50	28.29	28.29	+0.01
3M Communications	0.49	69.05	69.05	+0.01
Boeing	0.39	51.51	51.51	+0.01
Northrop	0.22	32.40	32.40	+0.01
United Technologies	0.29	19.69	19.69	+0.01
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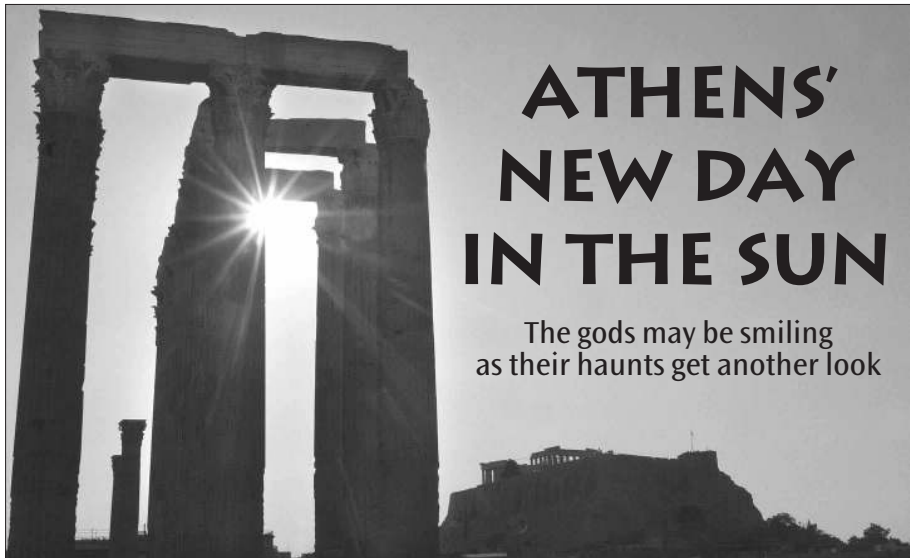
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Military rates		
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British pound	(\$100)	\$1,841
S. Korea won	(\$100)	167.00
Commercial rates		
Bahrain (Dinar)		0.3770
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Malaysia (Ringgit)	(\$100)	0.6747
Philippines (Peso)	(\$100)	55.55
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ATHENS' NEW DAY IN THE SUN

The gods may be smiling as their haunts get another look

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It took more than 600 years for the Greeks to finish the Temple of Olympian Zeus, and by then, about A.D. 131, the Romans were in power. The temple once housed a colossal gold and ivory statue of Zeus, the ruler of the gods in Greek mythology.

BY ALLEN HOLDER
Knight Ridder Newspapers

I stood outside the gates of Panathinaiko Stadium in Athens, trying to listen for the ghosts of athletes who have competed at the site since antiquity. But all I could hear were cars and buses and people buzzing behind me.

Funny thing about Athens. You're never too far from reminders of the storied ancient civilization here, where the names of heroes like Hercules and Perseus and Achilles are still bandied about. But you can never forget that this is a thoroughly modern city, whose population has mushroomed from perhaps 4,000 people in the mid-19th century to 4 million today.

Panathinaiko Stadium reaches into the past and the present. Ancient Greeks competed in the Panathenian Games at this site. The modern Olympics began here in 1896. And this year's Olympic athletes have retraced the route of a Greek messenger named Pheidippides in 490 B.C. The first marathon.

Like the sirens of Homer's *Odyssey*, the ruins atop the Acropolis were calling to me. Two days after arriving, I still hadn't had more than a quick, distant glimpse of the Parthenon on its peak. It was driving me crazy. So I made the Acropolis my top priority.

In the last few years, Athens has transformed Dionysiou Areopagiton from a city street into a wide pedestrian promenade that links many of the major archaeological sites. It's one of many Olympic improvements — a nice walk and great way to get to the shops of the Monastiraki neighborhood or the restaurants and tavernas of the Plaka district.

More importantly for me, it provided almost a straight pathway from my hotel to the Acropolis.

But this wasn't my day. When I arrived, the gates were closed — but the view wasn't.

The Acropolis is one of the highest points in Athens, offering a panoramic look at the densely populated central city.

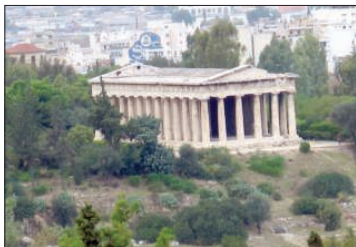
Several people were exploring the rocky hill, but even more were on the next peak. I headed west and climbed the slippery steps of Mars Hill, or Areopagus. This slope has ties to history, too. Athens' supreme court once met here. St. Paul preached from here and baptized the first Greek Christians.

Mars Hill offers a spectacular vista of the Ancient Agora, the marketplace where Greeks once traded and where Socrates met with his friends and debated philosophy in the fifth century B.C.

I followed the road downhill for a closer look. The Agora (a gathering place) was the center of life in ancient Athens. It contained shops, schools, a theater, courts, even a mint. Its ruins are scattered over several acres in a parklike setting, but without a detailed map it's difficult to tell what's what. I found signs pointing to an altar to Zeus and remains of a 15 B.C. concert hall dedicated to Agrippa, son-in-law of the Roman emperor Augustus, but little else to give me information about this treasure trove.

The standout relic, without a doubt, is the Temple of Hephaestus, dedicated to the god of the forge and built about 449 B.C. It's easily one of the best-preserved temples anywhere in Athens, with 34 tall Doric columns intact and still supporting its roof. A frieze on one side depicts the 12 labors of Hercules. It takes a good deal of imagination to mentally reconstruct many of the ruins in the Agora. Not here.

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A view of the ancient Agora, or marketplace, from Anafiotika in Athens. The Agora stands at the foot of the Acropolis, across the road from the bustling Monastiraki neighborhood, a big tourist draw.

ATHENS, FROM PAGE 21

A better understanding might be available in the Agora Museum, which was closed earlier this year for renovation and reopened in time for the Olympics.

At the foot of the Acropolis, across the road from the bustling Monastiraki neighborhood, crowded with tourists and souvenir shops, stands another ancient marketplace, the Roman Agora, which mostly dates to Roman times.

The area's most prominent feature is a curious octagonal structure called the Tower of the Winds, which was built in the second century B.C. The 40-foot marble tower had several purposes as apparently, but most prominent was a water clock and weather vane. Friezes on each of its eight sides personify the eight winds.

There was one sure way to get inside the gates of the Acropolis, I figured: Join a tour. So the next morning I climbed aboard a bus and headed straight to, well, the Temple of Olympian Zeus.

First things first, I suppose. Zeus was the ruler of the gods in Greek mythology, after all — and what a temple they built to him. It had 104 Corinthian columns topped with acanthus leaves. Each column was more than 50 feet tall. Only 15 remain — offering just a hint of its grandeur — including one that has been lying on the ground since a storm in the 19th century. This was the largest temple in Greece, larger than the Parthenon.

What's perhaps more interesting is that it took more than 600 years to finish this monster, and by then, about A.D. 131, the Romans were in power.

It's easy to get confused about all these ruins after a couple of days in Athens. Which temple belonged to which god? And how did the Greeks come up with all of this? It had been a long time since my last mythology class in college.

As we finally headed toward the Acropolis, our guide (conveniently named Athena) tried to clear things up. In the early days of Athens, the gods were competing to see who would become the city's patron. The two final candi-

dates — Athena, goddess of wisdom, and Poseidon, god of the sea — each presented a gift to the city.

Poseidon caused a spring to appear, Athena an olive tree. Hers was deemed to be the more useful gift, so the city was named for her and the most spectacular temple, the Parthenon, was built in her honor. Poseidon's prize was a smaller Acropolis temple, called the Erechtheion.

Much of Athens has been hidden under scaffolding this year, and it's no different on the Acropolis. But unlike much of the work, the Parthenon's restoration work wasn't an Olympic project.

"We don't restore just for the Olympics," said Athena. "It is a permanent restoration."

Even if parts of it are shrouded, it's hard not to stare gape-mouthed at the Parthenon. It's also hard not to take sides when you're told that 95 percent of its decorative elements are in the British Museum in London. The so-called Elgin Marbles, the friezes that decorated the Par-



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ther, " shot back an English woman on our tour. A new Caryatid Museum is under construction and reportedly is leaving space for the Marbles, just in case the Greek and British governments reach agreement on their return to Athens. It will be finished in a couple of years.

Other pieces of art also are missing from the ruins but not from the Acropolis. At the Erechtheion, plaster casts have replaced the original statues of women that were used for columns on the Porch of the Caryatids. The originals — well, five of them — are on display in the protected environs of the Acropolis Museum. The sixth is — did you guess? — at the British Museum.

Besides the Parthenon and the Erechtheion, the Acropolis is crowded with ruins. For starters, these include the small Temple of Athena Nike, the Propylaea, which was intended as a gateway to the Acropolis, and the Beule Gate, built several hundred years later.

I especially liked the two amphitheatres that hug the side of the cliff. Even in ruin, their purpose is immediately apparent.

The Theater of Dionysos, from

the sixteenth century B.C., staged tragedies, dramas and comedies and was used in Roman times for gladiator contests.

The Theater of Herodes Atticus, to its west, was built in Roman times but was restored in the 1950s and continues to be used for events today. What a setting for a concert. Can a stage upstage its stars?

All of this reminded me a little of the Panathinaion Stadium, its long history of athletic competition and its return to prominence in this year's Olympics. I stood on the Acropolis,

looked down at the theater, and listened for ghosts. Again, no voices called from the past, but there was plenty of evidence of modern Athens: traffic, tourists snapping pictures and chatting, and tour guides calling over the din, directing them to their buses.

If you go

■ **Getting in:** American travelers to Greece need a passport but no visa for stays of up to three months.

■ **Getting around:** Although rental car agencies, including some well-known American companies, seem to be situated on every corner, Athens has a reputation as one of the most traffic-clogged cities in Europe.

Parking is even more of a problem. The Metro subway system is a welcome relief for transportation to most central points in Athens. One-way tickets cost the equivalent of about 85 cents; an all-day pass is about \$3.60. A new tram system connects Athens to coastal Olympics venues and a new suburban rail line links the airport to the central city.

■ **Tours:** Tour companies in Athens provide half-day and daylong tours of the city as well as multi-day trips that include other Greek sites. If you're on your own, you can save by buying a ticket for for about \$15 that gets you into six sites: the Acropolis, the Ancient Agora, the Theater of Dionysos, the Roman Agora, Kerameikos cemetery and the Temple of Olympian Zeus.

■ **For information:** Athens and Greece, contact the Greek National Tourist Organization at: www.greek.tourism.com.

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then, were acquired by Lord Elgin in 1801 and have been in British possession almost as long.

Athena seemed almost apologetic when talking about the artwork. If the British Museum were forced to give up everything in its displays that come from other countries, she contended, it would have nothing left to exhibit.

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Das MoMA



Above: A close-up of Max Beckmann's "Self-portrait with a Cigarette" from 1923. It is one of the works from New York's Museum of Modern Art on display at the Neue Nationalgalerie in Berlin until Sept. 19.

Below: A visitor to the MoMA exhibit checks out "Dance (First Version)" by Henri Matisse.



Modern art exhibit from New York

BY MICHAEL ABRAMS

Stars and Stripes

It's the hottest ticket in town—maybe in all of Germany, or even Europe. But once you buy a ticket to New York's Museum of Modern Art show in Berlin, be prepared to stand in line for hours to get in.

The show is so popular that from Sept. 1 through Sept. 19 when it closes, the opening hours have been extended to 2 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and until midnight on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.

Why is it so popular? Well, besides the fact that you don't have to cross the Atlantic to see it, the exhibit features 200 masterpieces by the top names in late 19th- and 20th-century art: Cézanne, van Gogh, Kadišsky, Monet, Matisse, Picasso, Klee, Dali, Warhol, Newman, Johns and Lichtenstein, just to name a few.

The Museum of Modern Art in New York is going through extensive renovation and expansion, and while it is closed (until Nov. 20), it is exhibiting some of its famous works at the Neue Nationalgalerie in the German capital. Thus the name of the show, "Das MoMA in Berlin."

The art display stretches from the post-impressionist period to the modern, taking in such styles as symbolism, cubism, dadaism, surrealism, expressionism and pop art and ends with contemporary German artist Gerhard Richter's cycle on the Red Army Faction terroristists.

Some of the highlights are Vincent van Gogh's "The Starry Night," Claude Monet's "Water Lilies," Henri Matisse's "Dance (First Version)," Pablo Picasso's "Girl Before a Mirror," Piet Mondrian's "Composition in Black, White and Red," Salvador Dali's "Illumined Pleasures," Edward Hopper's "Gas," Jasper John's "Map," Roy Lichtenstein's "Drowning Girl" and "Before and After" by Andy Warhol.

The show has been a hit since it opened in February and has only become more popular with time. Before the doors open in the morning, the line is wrapped around the square Nationalgalerie. An hour later, the wait to get in is five hours, and an hour later you can't buy tickets for same-day entrance.

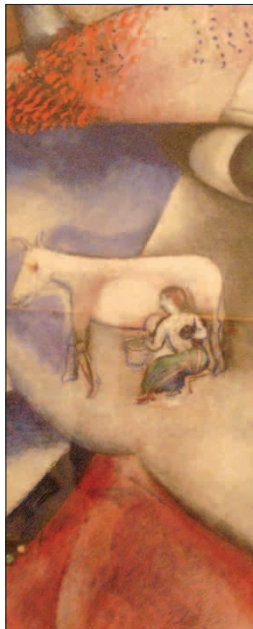
Nationalgalerie officials do guarantee you will get in if they sell you a ticket, however.

Street artists entertain the waiting and collapsible stools can be borrowed.

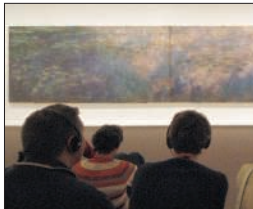
One reason for the wait is that no more than 1,000 people are allowed in at a time. And when the weather is hot, even fewer. Temperature and humidity are measured constantly to protect the artworks, according to Sylvie Buschmann, a member of the MoMA press team. When heat and humidity go up, people stay out. With the longer opening hours in September, organizers hope the wait at the door will shorten. But don't bet on it.

If you are in Berlin, or if you are interested in modern art, head to the MoMA in Berlin, and save yourself a plane ticket to the Big Apple.

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Above: A close-up of Marc Chagall's vibrant "I and You." Below: Claude Monet's "Water Lilies" is the largest by 4.25 meters.



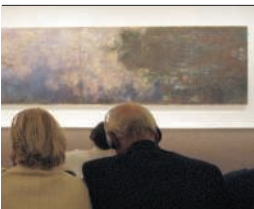


rk has 'em standing in line in Berlin



the Village." piece on display in the MoMA show, at 2 meters

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Above: Paul Klee's "Cat and Bird."

Above left: People wait to enter the MoMA exhibit in Berlin. By the time the show closes on Sept. 19, about 1 million people will have seen it.

If you go to the MoMA in Berlin

■ **Where:** Neue Nationalgalerie at Potsdamer Strasse 50, Berlin.

■ **When:** Until Sept. 19.

■ **How to get there:** S-Bahn lines 1 and 2, get off at Potsdamer Platz. Line U1 get off at Kurfürstenstrasse; on line U2 exit at Mendelssohn-Bartholdy-Park. Buses 129, 148, 200, 248, 348 also stop nearby.

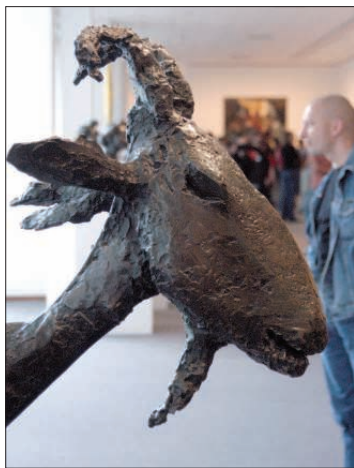
■ **Hours:** Until Aug. 30 the exhibit is open Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

From Sept. 1 through Sept. 19, the hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. to midnight; Friday, 8 a.m. to 2 a.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 a.m.; and Sunday 10 a.m. to midnight. Closed Mondays.

■ **Cost:** Tuesday to Friday 10 euros for adults and 5 euros for children; Saturday and Sunday 12 euros and six euros, respectively. The exhibit catalogue costs 29 euros. A headphone audio tour costs 4 euros, with a 20 euros deposit.

■ **More information:** The MoMA in Berlin Web site is: www.das-moma-in-berlin.de.

— MICHAEL ABRAMS



Above: A patron ponders a sculpture by Pablo Picasso called "She-Goat."

Left: A visitor checks out Salvador Dalí's "Illumined Pleasures" while listening to an audio tour of the exhibit.

Volksmarch

Have you registered your team for next weekend's Heidelberg International Wandering Club Commander's Cup in Heidelberg, Germany?

If not, get going! Call Rob or Cath Floyd at (+49) (0) 6227-841226 or (+49) (0) 172-6239338 to register or for information.

You can also e-mail them at live@vayahoo.com. They'll need to know the name of the unit and number of marchers. Members of your unit may walk on either day.

The club still needs your help to make this the best ever. Don't forget that volunteers will receive free goodies and the chance to get their mugs before they're sold out.

And finally, don't miss next week's column for all the details on the club's annual Volksmarch, an event you won't want to miss.

Notes about this week's Volksmarches:

■ **Young-Walkers'-Tour**, or Bambini-Liga, credit is available at Achern-Mörsbach, Blumberg, Glottertal and Heimsheim, Germany.

■ **The oldest city in the German Hunsrück region**, Kirchberg, holds its 29th walking event this weekend. Start the 5K and 10K Saturday and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.; the 20K starts 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. A pocket knife is in Leiburg.

■ **Yet again**, the prize at Leinburg, Germany, this weekend is a trophy. This club also offered a trophy the past few years, a prize you don't see often. The start window on both Saturday and Sunday is 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.; the finish is 4 p.m.

■ **The members of the Volkssportverein 1985 e.V. Großheim** are sponsoring 5K and 10K trails that begin from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. A 15K will start at 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. Previous year's awards are available in limited quantities.

■ **For the second year in a row** I forgot to add the "D" code to the Hohenödt, Germany, listing. Shower facilities are available for this Kaiserslautern Military Community nearby walk.

If you're driving on Auhbahn 62 from the Kaiserslautern/Landstuhl direction, heading toward Pirmasens, take the Hohenödt exit which, believe it or not, is located within a rest area. Exit at the rest area, proceed about 100 meters, slow down and take a sharp right-angled jog. At the sign, turn right toward the traffic circle and follow the signs to the start.

If you're coming from the Pirmasens direction, heading towards Kaiserslautern/Landstuhl, exit at the rest area on the opposite side and take an immediate right turn after only 20 meters. Turn right under the bridge and proceed to the traffic circle.

I travel these roads almost every day and can't stress enough that you slow down in the rest areas due to traffic and hazardous turns. Arrive safely!

■ **Here are some notes about this weekend's Italian walks** from Clark Soelndner, our Italian walking connection.

The Clauzetto walk of the Clapadories (stone-walled-lined paths) is a favorite. It's a mix of forest trails, paths, gravel and asphalt roads typical of the Friuli Mountains. Watch for the special paths with stone walls on both sides. Arrive early; parking is an adventure (or a long uphill walk to the start!).

The Longare event begins at the Piazzale by the elementary school. In the past, the walk has been well organized with plenty of parking and mix of flat areas (asphalt) and hills (gravel and trails).

Don't forget to get your panini at the end. The Campo Sportivo in V. Aldo Moro is

Here are events sanctioned by the International Federation of Popular Sports (Internationaler Volkssportverband, or IVV) near U.S. military installations in Europe. Locations are noted in the host language when possible. Find more extensive lists on the Web at www.ivv.org.

Country/Town	Day(s) and Time(s)	Code	Km.	Starting Point	Award	Directional Reference
Austria						
Altentsteig	Sat & Sun 0600-1200	F	6, 12, 20	Gasthaus Wisauer	Souvenir	NW of St. Pölten
Altentsteig	Sat & Sun 0600-0900	M	42	Gasthaus Wisauer	Patch & certificate	NW of St. Pölten
Dornbirn	Sat 0800-1300, Sun 0700-1300	F	5, 10, 13	Werksch-Areal	Souvenir	S of Bregenz
Belgium						
Masbourg	Sun 0700-1400	-	6 & 10	Salle des grand Prés	No award	NW of Bastogne
Masbourg	Sun 0700-1400	-	15 & 20	Salle des grand Prés	No award	NW of Bastogne
Denmark						
Birket (Nordalland)	Fri 1830	-	10	Sole	No award	NE of Nakskov
Skaller	Sun 0800-1200	-	5 & 12	Sole	No award	SE of Roskilde
Hvalso	Sun 0800-1200	-	20 & 30	Sole	No award	SE of Roskilde
Kragenslev (Nordalland)	Sat 0800-1000	-	10 & 20	Havn	No award	NE of Nakskov
Tingsted	Sun 0800-1100	-	5 & 10	Sole	No award	N of Nykøbing
Tingsted	Sun 0800-1000	-	20	Sole	No award	N of Nykøbing
Tingsted	Sun 0800-0900	-	7, 10, 14	Sole	No award	N of Nykøbing
France						
Carling	Sun 0600-1300	F	10 & 20	Centre Sportif	No award	N of St. Avoide
Centre-Les-Bains	Sun 0700-1400	F	10	Millie-Club	No award	NE of Thionville
Centre-Les-Bains	Sun 0700-1300	F	20	Millie-Club	No award	NE of Thionville
Hulte-house	Sun 0700-1500	F	10	Salle Polyvalente	No award	W of Saverne
Hulte-house	Sun 0700-1300	F	20	Salle Polyvalente	No award	W of Saverne
Germany						
Achern-Mörsbach	Sat 1300-1700, Sun 0700-1300	BFX	6 & 10	Dreikirchen-Halle	Flower souvenir	BWS, SW of Baden-Baden
Achern-Mörsbach	Sat 1300-1500, Sun 0700-1300	BFX	20	Dreikirchen-Halle	Flower souvenir	BWS, SW of Baden-Baden
Allendorf	Sat & Sun 0700-1400	BFX	6 & 11	Gemeinschaftszentrum	B-medal/Crown	RP, NW of Wiesbaden
Allendorf	Sat & Sun 0700-1300	BFX	20	Gemeinschaftszentrum	B-medal/Crown	RP, NW of Wiesbaden
Blumberg	Sat 0800-1500, Sun 0700-1300	F	6 & 10	Stadthalle	Figurine	BWS, NW of Siegen
Burnberg	Sat 0800-1300, Sun 0700-1300	BFX	20	Stadthalle	Figurine	BWS, NW of Siegen
Burg-Gemünden	Sat 1300-1800, Sun 0700-1300	BFX	6 & 10	Dorfgemeinschaftshaus	B-medal	RP, NW of Gießen
Burg-Gemünden	Sat 1300-1600, Sun 0700-1300	BFX	20	Dorfgemeinschaftshaus	B-medal	RP, NW of Gießen
Glottertal	Sat 1200-1700, Sun 0630-1300	F	5 & 10	Eichberghalle	Porcelain crown	BWS, W of Vill.-Schwenningen
Glottertal	Sat 1200-1500, Sun 0630-1300	F	20	Eichberghalle	Porcelain crown	BWS, W of Vill.-Schwenningen
Großheim	Wed 0700-1800	BFX	5 & 10	Dorfgemeinschaftshaus	B-medal	RP, NW of Gießen
Großheim	Wed 0700-1700	BFX	15	Dorfgemeinschaftshaus	B-medal	RP, NW of Gießen
Heimsheim	Sun 0630-1300	BFX3K	10	Stadthalle	B-medal	BWS, SE of Pforzheim
Heimsheim	Sun 0630-1300	BFX	20	Stadthalle	BWS, SE of Pforzheim	
Hohenödt	Sat & Sun 0700-1300	BFX3.5	5, 10, 20	Sportplatz Sägmühle	B-medal	RP, S of Landstuhl
Karlbrunn	Sat 0700-1400, Sun 0700-1200	F	5, 10, 20	Turnhalle	No award	SAR, SE of Saarbrücken
Karlbrunn	Sat & Sun 0700-1400	F	5, 10	Stadthalle	Pocket knife	RP, NW of Bad Kreuznach
Kirchberg	Sat & Sun 0700-1300	F	10, 20	Stadthalle	Pocket knife	RP, NW of Bad Kreuznach
Leinburg	Sat & Sun 0700-1300	F	5, 10, 20	Schulentschthalle	Trophy	BWS, SW of Ravensburg
Oberzell	Sat 0700-1400, Sun 0700-1200	Bike	25 & 50	Schulentschthalle	Crown	BWS, SW of Ravensburg
Oberrhein-Limbach	Sat & Sun 0700-1400	F	10, 20	Tafelhalle	Jump stuffed bear	SAR, NE of Saarbrücken
Zeilheim	Sat 1300-1600, Sun 0700-1300	BFX	5, 10, 20	Gemeindehalle	OPF, NW of Regensburg	
Italy						
Casuzeto	Sun 0830-0930	F	6, 12, 21	Central Sport Complex	T-Shirt	N of Spillimberg
Longare	Sun 0800-0900	F	5, 13, 22	See misc. notes	Bottle of wine	SE of Vicenza
Rongaglia	Sun 0830	F	5 & 12	Campo Sportivo	No award	SE of Padova
San Daniele del Friuli	Sun 0830-0930	F	8 & 15	See misc. notes	Prosciutto & beverage	N of Spillimberg
Tres	Sun 0800-0900	F	6 & 13	Follow signs	Souvenir	N of Trento
Tres	Sun 0700-0830	F	31	Follow signs	Souvenir	N of Trento
Netherlands						
St. Odilienberg	Mon 1630-1900	-	10	Cafe-Zaal Bergerac	No award	S of Roer
Switzerland						
Oberegg	Sat & Sun 0700-1300	X	5 & 10	Restaurant Sinitis	Souvenir	E of St. Gallen
Oberegg	Sat 0700-1300, Sun 0700-1200	X	20	Restaurant Sinitis	Souvenir	E of St. Gallen
Othen	Sat & Sun 0630-1330	-	6 & 12	Turnhalle Barmfeld	Souvenir	SE of Basel
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United Kingdom						
Conington	Mon 0730-1200	-	12, 23, 32	Cricket Field	Souvenir	S of Peterborough
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Great Bedwyn	Sat 1700-1800	-	10	Cross Keys Inn	No award	SE of Swindon

GENERAL CODES:

B - Awards from past events available (B-medals)

D - Shower or wash facilities available at start/hall

E - Engraver will attend the event

F - Free refreshment at control points

M - Marathon or long-distance event

P - Music at start/hall (see miscellaneous notes for daytime)

S - Shorter-friendly trails

S+ - Shorter trail is specifically noted as shorter-friendly

T - Evening/Night walk, handcarry a flashlight

X - Award available only while supply lasts

W - Course suitable for wheelchair participants

3.5 - Reduced price of 3.50 euros for start card & B-medal

GERMAN STATE AND REGION CODES:

BWN - Baden-Württemberg Nord

BWS - Baden-Württemberg Süd

FRO - Oberfranken (Upper Franken)

FRM - Mittelfranken (Middle Franken)

FRU - Unterfranken (Lower Franken)

HE - Hessen

MOB - München-Oberbayern

NDS - Niedersachsen/Berlin

NRW - Nordrhein-Westfalen

NDB - Niederbayern

OPF - Oberpfalz

RP - Rheinland-Pfalz

SAR - Saarland

SCH - Schwaben

SHS - Schleswig-Holstein/Hamburg

THS - Thüringen/Sachsen

the Rongaglia di Ponte San Nicolo start.

A serving of Prosciutto and a beverage is the prize at San Daniele del Friuli. The walk is worth going for the tour through the Centro Storico. It can be crowded at the end because the San Daniele Prosciutto festival is on at the same time. The start, on Via Anonides by the Morgante Prosciutto Factory, is right off the SS13 on the south side of San Daniele.

Tres is a great marathon! Exit A22 at S. Michele and then go west on SS43 into Taio. Walk closely for a turn to the right in the center of town and then head a couple kilometers to Tres. The start is by the church at the high side of town; the finish is the Campo Sportivo, northeast behind the church.

■ St. Odilienberg, Netherlands, hosts the last of its 10-x-10K Summer Evening

Walks Monday. Those who have completed 10 of the 13 events can receive a commemorative patch in addition to adding 100K to their IVV books just by walking 10 weeknights during the past three months. What a nice way to relax after a hard day's work.

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Listings are subject to change. It's best to inform details of the event you plan to attend before traveling.

BELGIUM

Telephone: (32) 250-40-390
BRUGES: Grachtenfest, **Aug. 27-28**
BRUSSELS: Beer festival, **Sept. 3-5**. Grand Place

DENMARK

Telephone: (45) 3911-325
www.visitdenmark.com
COPENHAGEN: Tivoli gardens open, **through Sept. 19**
SØNDERBY: Sand sculpture festival, **through Sept. 19**
ODENSE: Gathering of ships, **Aug. 25-29**
HØRSENS: Medieval festival, **Aug. 27-28**
ÅRHUS: Århushuset festival, **Sept. 1-5**

ENGLAND

Telephone: (44) 81846-9000
www.visitbritain.com
STOURBRIDGE: Festival of glass, **Aug. 25-30**
PORTSMOUTH: International kite festival, **Aug. 28-30**
PLYMOUTH: Navy days, **Aug. 29-30**
LONDON: Notting Hill carnival, **Aug. 29-30**
LIVERPOOL: Beatles fest, **Aug. 26-31**
SHEFFIELD: World fire fighters games, **Aug. 28-Sept. 4**
CHICHESTER: Goodwood revival, **Sept. 3-5**. Nostalgic motor racing, BLACKPOOL: Illuminations, **Sept. 3-Nov. 7**
DUNFORD: 2004 air show, **Sept. 4**
KENDAL: Torchlight carnival, **Sept. 10**
WINDSOR: Carriage driving championships, **Sept. 10-12**. Windsor Great Park, free
THROUGHOUT the country: Heritage Days, **Sept. 10-13**
SOUTHAMPTON: Boat show, **Sept. 10-12**
YORK: Festival of food and drink, **Sept. 10-Sept. 19**

FRANCE

Telephone: (33) 149-52-53-54
www.franceonline.com
NORMANDY: D-Day celebrations, **through September**
METZ: Flea market, **Aug. 29** (7 a.m.-6 p.m.)
MUTTERSCHOLTZ (Alsace): Night of the bat, **Aug. 27**
ERSTEIN (Alsace): Sugar festival, **Aug. 27-29**
HAGENTHAL-LE-HAUT (Alsace): Wine and cheese fair, **Aug. 27-31**
WASSERLOHNE (Alsace): Night flight parade, **Aug. 28**
GUELSHEIM (Alsace): Wine festival, **Aug. 28-29**
SELTZ (Alsace): Wine festival, **Aug. 28-30**
WINGERSHEIM (Alsace): Hops festival, **Aug. 29**
DUON: International folk dance and music festival, **Aug. 30-Sept. 5**
MEDOC: Marathon in Bor-

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For reservations, send a fax to Graziella at (+49) (0) 821/24 31 20 or an e-mail to n.rutenbach@zenadone.com. Or call Graziella at (+49) (0) 821/2134.

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deaux/Medoc area, **Sept. 1**
DEAUVILLE: American film festival, **Sept. 3-12**
BETSCHDORF (Alsace): Pottery festival, **Sept. 4-5**
HOLTZWILH (Alsace): Sauerkraut festival, **Sept. 4-5**
KAYSERSBERG (Alsace): Pottery festival, **Sept. 4-5**
ROSSFELD (Alsace): Beer festival, **Sept. 4-5**
MUTZIG (Alsace): Beer festival, **Sept. 5**
DEAUVILLE (Alsace): Fiddlers' festival, **Sept. 5**
THROUGHTOUT the Alsace: Jewish culture day, **Sept. 5**

GERMANY

Telephone: (49) 69/97464-0
www.germany-tourism.de
STUTTGART: Wine village, **through Sept. 5**
FRANKFURT: Museum Embankment festival, **Aug. 27-29**
KÖLN: Beer fair, **Aug. 27-29**
MARKGRÖNINGEN: Shepherds' mark, **Aug. 27-30**. Main day: **Aug. 28**
BAD HOMBURG: Latern festival, **Aug. 27-30**
GÖTTINGEN: Old town festival, **Aug. 28-29**
BAD EMS: St. Bartholomew market and flower parade, **Aug. 28-29**. Main day: **Aug. 28**
MAINZ: Wine market festival, **Aug. 29-Sept. 1**
WÜRZBURG: "Citizen's meal" festival, **Aug. 30-31**
TRIER: Night shopping, **Aug. 28**
KARLSRUHE: Beer fair, **Sept. 3-5**
HEIDELBERG: Castle illumination

and crafts market, **Sept. 4**
DRESDEN: Pottery festival, **Sept. 4-5**
HIRSCHBORN: Knights festival, **Sept. 4-5**
SEESSEN: Historic Sehsa festival, **Sept. 4-5**
AACHEN: Europe craftsman's market, **Sept. 4-5**
DRESDEN: Pottery festival, **Sept. 4-5**
HAMBURG: Medieval tournament, **Sept. 4-5**
BENSHEIM: Wine festival, **Sept. 4-12**

ITALY

Telephone: (39) 649-711
www.italiantourism.com
SIENA: Barrel rolling contest, **Aug. 29**
CERVETERI: Wine festival, **Aug. 29**
SAN DANIELE: Prosciutto festival, **Aug. 27-30**
VITERBO: Feast of Santa Rosa, **Sept. 2**
AREZZO: Jousting of the Saracens, **Sept. 5**
FLORENCE: Festival of the Rifiloco, **Sept. 7**
BRINDISI: Maritime procession, **Sept. 1-7**
GROSSETO: Palo delle Contrade, **Sept. 6-8**
NAPLES: Madonna di Piedigrotta, **Sept. 7-8**
TINDARI (Sicily): Festival of the Black Madonna of Tindari, **Sept. 7-8**
VENICE: International film festival, **Sept. 1-11**
MAROSTICA: Live chess game, **Sept. 10-12**

THE NETHERLANDS

Telephone: (31) 70370-5705
www.holland.com/uk
ALKMAAR: Cheese and crafts market, **through Sept. 3**
GOUDA: Goudes Montmartre, **through Sept. 29**. Antique flea market, Wed. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
AALSMEER: Flower parade, **Sept. 4**
EELDE: Flower parade, **Sept. 4-5**
VALKENSWAARD: Flower parade, **Sept. 12**

SCOTLAND

Telephone: (44) 1463/71-6996
www.visitscotland.com
EDINBURGH: Military tattoo, **through Aug. 28**
EDINBURGH: Festival Fringe, **through Aug. 30**

SPAIN

Telephone: (34) 91411-4014/6011
www.tourspain.co.uk
MADRID: Summer in the city, **through Sept. 30**
SEVILLE: International music festival, **Sept. 2-12**

SWITZERLAND

Telephone: (41) 1288-1111
www.switzerlandonline.ch
FRIBOURG: International folk festival, **through Aug. 29**
GENEVA: Airfest, **Sept. 3-5**. Open-air painting competition.

WALES

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LANWRTYD WELLS: Bog snorkeling, **Aug. 30**

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ENGLAND: "Freedom and Justice" is the theme of this year's Notting Hill Carnival in London, the motto marking 170 years since the end of slavery in Trinidad. The highlight of the festivities is the big parade Monday, featuring performers and lively static sound systems playing soca (a fusion of soul and calypso), reggae, jazz, soul and funk music. Hundreds of stalls will sell food, art and crafts. The official times are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., but arrive early. Families with small children are advised to attend Sunday's less-crowded Children's Carnival at St. Mark's Park (parade at 3 p.m.). Find more details at www.carnival.com/cityguides/london/lon_carn.htm.

GERMANY: If you're a shepherd or the daughter of an active shepherd, you qualify to be a Markgröningen Shepherd's Race on the weekend. A festival that is said to have begun in 1445, first sponsored by the master of the shepherd Barzel to thank his servant for his fidelity, the celebration runs Friday to Monday. It includes a sheep's market, handicrafts market, country market with stands, rides, parades (Saturday at 12-30 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m.) and Monday fireworks. The highlight is the race in which the participants run barefoot on a stubble field to vie for the position of shepherd queen and king. Entrance to the race costs five to 10 euros on Saturday and three to seven euros on Sunday for adults, discounts for children. The town's Web site is www.markgroeningen.de.

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EUROPEAN FORECAST

Benelux: Mostly cloudy with rain-showers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid to upper 60s, Friday lows in the mid to upper 50s.

Britain, Ireland: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 60s to low 70s, Friday lows in the low to upper 50s.

Croatia and Bosnia: Mostly cloudy with thunderstorms. Highs in the low 70s to low 80s, Friday lows in the upper 50s to low 60s.

France: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers in the north and sunny in the south. Highs in the upper 60s to low 80s, Friday lows in the upper 40s to mid 60s.

Northern Germany: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid to upper 60s, Friday lows in the mid 50s.

Southern Germany: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the low to upper 60s, Friday lows in the low to mid 50s.

Hungary: Mostly cloudy with rain-showers. Highs in the low 70s, Friday lows in the low 50s.

Northern Italy: Mostly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s, Friday lows in the low 60s to low 70s.

Southern Italy: Sunny. Highs in the low to upper 80s, Friday lows in the low to mid 60s.

Kosovo: Mostly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the low 80s, Friday lows in the mid 50s.

Norway: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers. Highs in the low to mid 60s, Friday lows in the upper 40s to mid 50s

Portugal, Spain: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s to upper 90s, Friday lows in the low 60s to low 70s.

Turkey: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s to low 90s, Friday lows in the mid 60s to low 70s.

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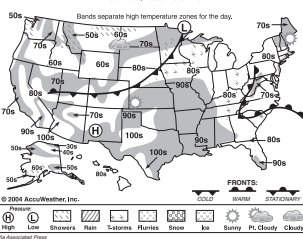
SUN & MOON

	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise (Baghdad)	6:33 AM	7:36 PM
Sunrise (Frankfurt)	6:32 AM	8:22 PM
Sunset (Baghdad)	6:34 AM	7:34 PM
Sunset (Frankfurt)	6:34 AM	8:20 PM



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Moviemakers settle in amid headstones and mausoleums to watch a classic film at the Hollywood Forever Cemetery in July. It may sound morbid, but the showings are popular.

Films below and above the stars

Movie classics flicker to life in historic Hollywood cemetery

BY JESSICA GRESKO

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Amid the mausoleums and headstones at Hollywood Forever Cemetery, about 1,700 living guests have unfurled picnic blankets and set up beach chairs, ordered makeshift coffee tables with flowers and candies, and enjoyed dinners of sushi, fried chicken or pasta salad.

"They're here for cinema cemetery-style, an experience shared with the graveyard's 88,000 long-term residents. Later, the night's film will start, projected on a mausoleum wall."

It's the ultimate L.A. experience," film fan Mark Kobeg said between mouthfuls of smoked turkey and arugula sandwiches, washed down with wine.

Six years ago the cemetery, which adjoins Paramount Studios' backlot, wouldn't have been as inviting. Though at least a hundred Hollywood icons are laid to rest there — including actor Rudolph Valentino, "Ten Commandments" producer Cecil B. DeMille and Bugs Bunny voice Mel Blanc — the cemetery's own fame had faded. Its previous owners had run it into bankruptcy, and a 1994 earthquake left tombstones tilted and cracked, while El Nino rains flooded its lake.

Then in 1998, Tyler Cassity, a cemetery entrepreneur, bought the century-old graveyard for \$375,000. He operates seven cemeteries in California, Illinois and Missouri. His first charge in Hollywood, however, was revitalizing the cemetery — repaving roads, replacing broken stained glass inside mausoleums and righting monuments.

He also began showing movies. And he believes he's the only person in the country to combine classic movies and mausoleums.

Cassity began by showing a Valentino film on the anniversary of the romantic hero's death, when 200 to 300 fans would come by to pay their respects. Then he was approached by John Wyatt, the founder of Cineplex, a Los Angeles film society dedicated to screening and preserving classic films. The society was growing too large to go to screenings as a group and was looking for a new home, one with history, Wyatt said.

Cassity said the partnership felt right: historic movies in a historic setting. Since then, Cineplex has made the 620-acre park its movie theater on summer weekends, and next year's season is already being planned.

Wyatt, who chooses the films, says he likes bringing his favorite films to a wider audience, and Cassity attributes part of the series' success to a growing interest in deep pointing to the popularity of the HBO show "Six Feet Under" and a recent reality series about a family-run mortuary.

Visitors do keep some distance during the evening events. They don't actually sit on graves, though a few family mausoleums ring the perimeter of the lawn where movies are shown, including those of actor Douglas Fairbanks Jr. and his father, a co-founder of United Artists.

AFRTS Television Schedule

Updated sports listings are available on the first Scoreboard page in the sports section or AFN's Web site at <http://myafn.dodmedia.mil/>

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 2004					
(AFN-EUROPE)	(AFN-KOREA)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-PACIFIC)
9:00 Dr. Phil	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Nightline	NASCAR Racing	The Wild Thornberys	Yu-Gi-Oh!
9:30 Oprah Winfrey	Jeopardy!	Air Force TV News	Cashman Truck Series	SpongeBob	Mucha Lucha
10:00 Guiding Light	Wheel of Fortune	Matthews		The Simpsons	Jeopardy!
11:00 ESPNNews	60 Minutes II			Happy Days	Headline News
11:30 General Hospital	Advisory Block			One Tree Hill "Hanging by a Moment"	ESPNNews
12:00 Judge Judy	Everybody-Ramond	The O'Reilly Factor	SportsCenter	The West Wing "Angel Maintenance"	Everybody-Ramond
12:30 Today Women's Olympic boxing, where women's; synchro	My Big Fat Obnoxious Fiance	Good Morning America	XVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece.	Frontline	My Big Fat Obnoxious Fiance
13:00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Pacific Report	Headline News		Inspector Morse	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation
14:00 Aaahh! Real Monsters	Late Show	World News	ESPNNews	Morse investigates the murders of two Oxfordshire neighbors	Late Show
15:00 The Weekenders (E)	Guiding Light	The Early Show	NFL Live	Guiding Light	
16:00 Mucha Lucha	Jeopardy!	General Hospital	SportsCenter	The Wild Thornberys	Jeopardy!
17:00 Headline News	Access Hollywood	FOX News	ESPNNews	SpongeBob	General Hospital
18:00 Destinations	XVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece. Soccer final, women's; synchro	60 Minutes II	Baseball Tonight	Happy Days	XVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece. Soccer final, women's; synchro
19:00 Today Women's Olympic boxing, where women's; synchro	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Headline News	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced.	One Tree Hill "Hanging by a Moment"	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation
20:00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Headline News		The West Wing "Angel Maintenance"	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation
21:00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Headline News		Frontline	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation
22:00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Headline News		The Hot List	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation
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Stars and Stripes

With album debuting at No. 1, Ashlee Simpson shows she's not mini-Jessica

BY ISAAC GUZMAN
New York Daily News

Ashlee Simpson grew up in her sister Jessica's shadow, but today, the younger sibling is a star in her own right. Ashlee's debut album, "Autobiography," debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard charts, occupying a lofty slot that none of Jessica's three albums have managed to reach.

"It's insane," Ashlee said of the record's opening week sales. "It's been a long, fun process. But it's not a comparison to Jessica or anything like that."

The comparison, however, is something that Ashlee won't be able to avoid. After all, it was Jessica's fame that helped Ashlee snag both her Geffen Records deal and the self-titled MTV show (which aired in the time slot following big sister's "Newlyweds") that propelled the sales of "Autobiography."

In the same way that Aaron Carter (brother of Backstreet Boy Nick) and Slick the Shocker (brother of rap impresario Master P) practically inherited successful pop careers, Ashlee simply has taken advantage of a new form of celebrity nepotism.

It used to be that stars helped their children hit the big time. Now, well-organized stage parents prompt other talented members of their brood to enter the fray. Soon, we're also likely to hear about big projects from Haylie Duff (Hilary's older sister) and Jamie Lynn Spears (kin to Britney).

"You have young girls like Jessica Simpson and Britney Spears and Hilary Duff making such a great living," said Atossa Rubenstein, editor of Seventeen magazine. "If you have another daughter or son who is equally talented, why wouldn't you want them in the family business?" These people have all developed very strong brands, and the sibling is just an extension of that brand," Rubenstein added.

At first, however, the spotlight illuminating her sister was something that Ashlee — now 20, four years younger than Jessica — could barely understand. When Jessica hit it big, Ashlee had to be content as a dancer in her sister's pop show.

In the song "Shadow," Ashlee recounts the experience. "She was beautiful, she had everything and more," she sings. "I used to be so hard being me, living in the shadow of someone else's dream."

"That song is about such an emotional feeling inside," Ashlee said. "It's about dealing with the inner demons and the voices in your head. Around 7 is when I first felt that emotional detachment about everything, and I had to overcome that."

In part, Ashlee rebelled against her sister's success by trying to be different. If Jessica was going to be the good girl who sang R&B songs, she'd be the rebel who tore up her clothes and immersed herself in the ways of rock's toughest women, such as Janis Joplin. The Pretenders' Chrissie Hynde and Blondie's Deborah Harry.

Not every sibling gets an automatic pass to the big time. Both Beyonce Knowles' younger sister Solange and Brandy's brother Ray J failed to create identities apart from their family.

MTV's "The Ashlee Simpson Show" gave her a chance to show potential fans that she wasn't simply a Jessica clone. Viewers got to see her as she occasionally struggled to hit the right notes or grew frustrated with the search to find songs and a rock sound to fit her quirky, aggressive personality.

"If you're a sibling of a star, you have to prove that your image is not the same as theirs," said Amy Doyle, vice president of music programming for MTV.

The show quickly became one of the top five cable shows with viewers from 12 to 34. When MTV offered a free, advance Internet stream of "Autobiography," nearly 2.5 million fans logged on, eclipsing a record set by Britney Spears.

Ashlee attributes her following to changing trends in teen taste. In the late '90s, boy bands and pop were the fad; now, young people are more interested in the punk rock-inflected sound of Avril Lavigne.

"Kids are a lot smarter than people sometimes think that they are," Ashlee said. "More teenagers get off if you're just being yourself and being real. I never worried about if it was going to look or sound good on camera."

Elvis announcer dies at 81

Al Dvorin, the concert announcer who made famous the phrase "Elvis has left the building," was killed in an auto accident in California. He was 81.

Dvorin was thrown from the car he was riding in Sunday after it swerved off a desert road near Ivanpah, the California Highway Patrol said.

The night before, Dvorin performed his signature closing line at an Elvis impersonator concert in California.

A former bandleader and talent agent in Chicago, Dvorin was with the King from his early days as a performer and was on his last tour in 1977, the year Presley died.

The phrase that Dvorin made his signature was first uttered by other announcers early in Presley's career. It was intended to disperse audiences who lingered in hopes of an Elvis encore.

Page reputation cemented

Jimmy Page hasn't yet made it up the stairway to heaven, but he's the first to reach the new British Walk of Fame.

The former Led Zeppein guitarist cast his handprints in cement Monday as the first music legend to be featured on London's answer to the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

"It's a real privilege and a great honor to be the first. I'm really chuffed," said Page, 60. "A Walk of Fame is a fantastic idea, and it's high time we had one in London."

The site of the British version is taking shape outside the new Virgin Music super-

store on Piccadilly Circus, London's landmark crossroads.

Page predicted it would soon become crowded with hand prints.

"If you started putting in all the people I think are deserving, you could cover the whole of London," he said.

Climbing back in the race

Just over a year after cutting off his right arm to save his life during a solo hike in Utah, Aspen adventurer Aron Ralston has completed a grueling 100-mile race at an elevation of over 10,000 feet.

More than 400 runners began the Leadville Trail race before dawn Saturday in Colorado, racing through hail and lightning at times, but fewer than half officially completed the race. Some dropped out because of nausea and cramps and others weren't able to cross the finish line within the 30-hour time limit.

Ralston, an official finisher with a time of 29:43, said he got sick after eating a sandwich but continued despite feeling nauseated.

Last April, Ralston was hiking alone, negotiating a canyon in southeastern Utah, when his right arm became pinned beneath an 800-pound boulder. After other failed attempts, he freed himself on the fifth day by snapping his bones and using a knife to cut through his arm.

Since then, he has learned to play the piano one-handed, climbed 14,000-foot-tall Colorado mountains alone and returned to skiing and mountain biking.

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Ralston

OPINION

Swift boat dispute is a case study in bias

BY BEN WASSERSTEIN

Last Thursday, The Washington Post reported that the military records of Larry Thurlow, one of John Kerry's major accusers among anti-Swift Boat Veterans for Truth, contradicted Thurlow's version of events and confirmed Kerry's. At the very least, this cast severe doubt on the charge that Kerry fabricated the events that earned him one of his Vietnam War medals.

The conservative media had been pushing the fabrication story energetically. How did it deal with new evidence undermining it? As it turns out, at almost every turn it soft-pedaled the new evidence or outright ignored it, showing its bias throughout.

On March 13, 1969, Kerry commanded one of five Navy Swift boats in a raid up the Bay Rap River and won a Bronze Star for actions under enemy fire. Thurlow commanded one of the other boats, and he has claimed in constant media rounds that there was no enemy fire. But, as The Post reported, Thurlow also won a Bronze Star that day, and the citation that accompanied it referred to "enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire" directed at "all units."

Thurlow's current story casts doubt on his own Bronze Star as well as Kerry's. Thurlow's explanation is that his citation's record of the events must have been based on Kerry's and that the information must have been provided by Kerry himself. But, as is so often the case, the "after-action report" that Thurlow and John E. O'Neill, coauthor of the anti-Kerry book "Unfit for

Command," refer to as "Kerry's report" despite the fact that it bears the initials KJW. (Later news stories have pointed out that Thurlow's Bronze Star citation refers to a witness to the enemy fire (Thurlow crewmate Robert Lambert) and that the KJW initials are also on reports about events Kerry was not involved in.)

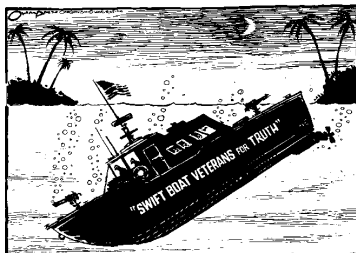
No one has so far challenged The Washington Post's facts. Not that you'd know that if you were watching or listening to or reading conservative media outlets. Rupert Murdoch's New York Post ran Thurlow's charge that Kerry lied to get his medal. On Friday, the day after The Washington Post poked a hole in that contention, the New York Post ran a teeny story focusing only on Kerry's decision to counterattack against "tough anti-Kerry TV ad." The Wall Street Journal editorial page and its Web site, OpinionJournal, also said nothing about the new evidence.

The conservative Washington Times did report The Washington Post's Thurlow scoop in a news article. It also ran Part 3 of its series excerpting "Unfit for Command," and the excerpt on Friday included Thurlow's contention that there was no hostile fire on March 13, 1969. In his column on Kerry, Washington Times Editor in Chief Wesley Pruden wrote, "The conservative's friends at The Washington Post attempted to muddy the waters for him yesterday," and then Pruden approvingly restated Thurlow's assertions and his explanation for the discrepancy. An unsigned editorial called on the media to investigate the after-action report.

The leading serious conservative journal, the Weekly Standard, posted a new issue online Friday with a cover story titled "The Kerry Wars." The story cited The Washington Post article and admitted that "the documentary evidence available so far backs Kerry's story," but its paragraph dealing with the accusations that Kerry lied to get his medals concludes that "such claims boil down to Kerry's word versus his opponents'."

On TV and radio, all the action came Thursday. ... John Kasich was guest host of [Fox News Channel's] "The O'Reilly Factor" on Thursday, and Thurlow himself phoned in to address The Washington Post's story. To his credit, Kasich hammered Thurlow with questions, making the common-sense point, "You know, I got a citation that said I saved somebody ... and it wasn't that way, I don't know, maybe I would attempt to correct the record." Thurlow just repeated that there had been no enemy fire and that Kerry had written the report on which the citation was based. He wasn't asked for evidence. ...

Following "O'Reilly," "Hannity & Colmes" tackled the Thurlow story with their guest (they said the Kerry campaign declined to send a representative). O'Neill said he knew Kerry had presented the report by which the citations were based on "because anyone reading it with practical knowledge would know that" and because other officers such as Thurlow said that Kerry often wrote after-action reports. "There's not a bullet hole in any of those three boats, not one," he



said, offering no documentation.

The Los Angeles Times reported Friday that a report on "battle damage" to Thurlow's boat made reference to "three 30 cal bullet holes about super structure." Meanwhile, on the radio, Rush Limbaugh offered a master class in turning The Washington Post's story into an indictment of Kerry. In his opening monologue, Limbaugh said that to vote for Kerry, one would "have to accept only what he tells us about his service record." That left out the small matter of the accounts from his crewmates, Thurlow's war record and Thurlow's war record. ...

Ignoring all the evidence in Kerry's favor, Limbaugh later said: "We haven't got any evidence because the Kerry campaign won't come forth and defend any of this." In a speech that day, Kerry directly addressed the charges against him by asking people to look at his record. But

Limbaugh repeatedly asserted: "He won't face this. He won't face it," and "he won't answer the charges."

By the end of the program, it seemed as though the revelations about Thurlow gave Limbaugh more confidence in the Swift Boat's account.

"How come it's causing so much angst? ... It's because it's true, probably," Limbaugh said. "We're supposed to believe what [the Kerry campaign says]. Because their attitude is, 'If we say it's true, if the other guys say it, it's a lie, believe us.' That attitude, with its blithe dismissal of opposing evidence, perfectly describes the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth and its enablers in the media. What poor there is supports Kerry, and yet to the right-wing media the burden of proof falls on him."

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Kerry's never been to Cambodia, yet he won't leave

BY JOSHUA MURAVCHIK

Most of the debate between the former shipmates who swear by John Kerry and the group of others who swear by the group who are attacking his military record focuses on matters that few of us have the experience or the moral standing to judge. But one issue, having nothing to do with medals or bravery or military fire, goes to the heart of Kerry's qualifications for the presidency and is therefore something that each of us must consider. That is Kerry's apparently fabricated claim that he fought in Cambodia.

It is an assertion he made first, insofar as the written record reveals, in 1979 in a letter to the Boston Herald. Since then he has repeated it on at least eight occasions. ... The most dramatic iteration came on the floor of the Senate in 1986, when he gave the centerpiece of a 20-minute oration against aid to the Nicaraguan contras.

Kerry argued that contra aid could put the United States on the path to deeper involvement despite denials by the Reagan administration of such intent. Kerry began by reading out similar denials regarding Vietnam from presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon. Then he offered this devastating riposte: "I remember Christmas of 1968 when a gunboat in Cambodia. I remember what it was like to be shot at by Vietnamese and Khmer Rouge and Cambodians, and have the presi-

dent of the United States telling the American people that I was not there, the troops were not in Cambodia. I have that memory which is seared — seared — in me."

However seared he was, Kerry's spokesmen now say his memory was faulty. When the Swift Boat veterans who oppose Kerry presented statements from his commanders and members of his unit denying his boat entered Cambodia, none of Kerry's shipmates came forward ... to corroborate his account. ... [T]he point of Kerry's 1986 speech was that he had taken part in a secret and illegal war in a neutral country.

That was only true if he was "in Cambodia," as he had often said he was. If he was merely "near," then his deliberate misstatement falsified the entire speech. ...

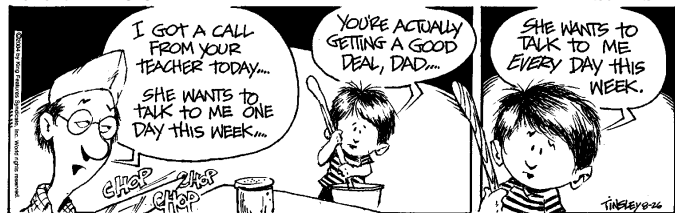
After his discharge, Kerry became the leader of Vietnam Veterans Against the War. Once, he presented to Congress the accounts by his VVAW comrades of having "personally raped, cut off ears, cut off heads, taped wires ... to human genitals ... razed villages in a fashion reminiscent of Genghis Khan ... poisoned foodstocks." Later it was shown that many of the stories on which Kerry based this testimony were

false, some told by impostors who had stolen the identities of real GIs, but Kerry himself was not implicated in the fraud. ...

Kerry ... has claimed that the epiphany he had that Christmas was about truthfulness. ... If — as seems almost surely the case — Kerry himself has lied about what he did in Vietnam, and has done so not merely to spice his biography but to influence national policy, then he is surely not the kind of man we want as our president.

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Mallard Fillmore



BY BRUCE TINSLEY

Horoscope

With Mercury still retrograde, and both the sun and moon in signs that like to be super subtle with emotional sharing, some actions taken will be misconstrued. The lunar influence is Capricorn, so the confusion could center around who's being shown respect, how and why. To avoid trouble, pay attention to protocol, and be as clear as possible.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(August 26) You count your wealth in many currencies this year — love is at the top of that list. Relationships get tighter as your commitment becomes more definite. New income sources are featured in the next six weeks. Getting the proper skills will ensure that you get a position you're aiming for this fall. Love signs are Cancer or Leo.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

The theme is connection. You unconsciously seek to better understand the nature of friendship, to reconnect with a forgotten friendship or to learn the true meaning of friendship. Tonight, the cat is out of the bag.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Your imagination needs to be nourished, and this happens best when you get out of your normal environment and experience something new. It won't happen naturally. Some planning and effort must take place.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Errands and appointments rule your schedule, but what happens during the pit stops in between will be the most fascinating. There's much to envy about a fabulous friend, and these feelings are best kept private.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Practical matters need speedy resolution. Your relationships (especially the romantic ones) run much more smoothly when the bills are paid. At work, you'll be required to do a lot in a small stretch of time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Your rare qualities are heightened. Your relationship with a certain person is different from any other relationship either you or this person has. Recognize

ize its uniqueness, and appreciate what this tie brings to your life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Your own achievement has surpassed your expectation, and that's a remarkable feeling — for about an hour. Then, true to form, you're trying to improve again. If you're not communicating with family, break the pattern.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Everyone has an opinion, but that doesn't obligate you to follow the advice. Feel free to live your way. The old success wheel will start rolling when you develop your individuality to an even higher level. Romance is in the air tonight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Family members show love and support in their own funny way. Special relationships help you with job advancement. You needn't feel guilty, as the benefits will be mutual. Your contribution at work is greatly enriching.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

21). Pace yourself, and don't let demands run you ragged. You can only do so much on your own and may find it necessary to delegate more of your load. Start by getting the help of your nearest and dearest.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You have superhuman energy! You may use it to further everyone else's agenda, but don't forget about your own projects. A friend's self-confidence is directly affected by your opinion. Be compassionate, but don't be neutral.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Your normally easygoing attitude is overthrown by a consuming feeling of exhilaration. A creative life force is surging through you now, and it touches all you do with a passionate fire. Appreciation for your work is coming.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

You'll be exploring your ideals and maybe changing them, too. You're a complex being with needs that can only be met in your own quirky time. Adventure and spontaneity are the remedy for your restless spirit.

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Romance is in the air tonight.

Calvin and Hobbes



Jump Start



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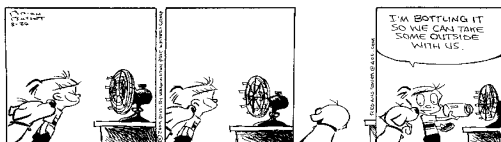
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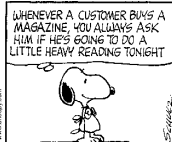
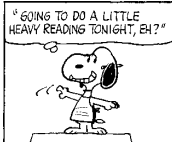
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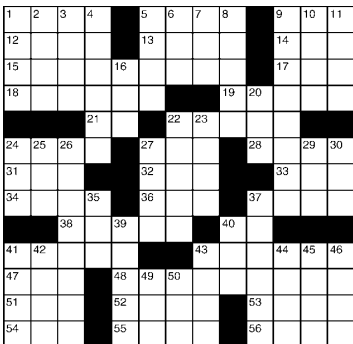
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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- 15 Mother of Caligula
- 17 Author Fleming
- 18 Sews loosely
- 19 Annie's dog
- 21 "That hurts!"
- 22 Dr. Hunter Adams
- 24 Dread
- 27 Aviv lead-in
- 28 Spilled the beans
- 31 Ancient
- 32 "Monty Python" opener
- 33 Floral garland
- 34 Be philanthropic
- 36 Guitarist Kottke
- 37 City of Yemen
- 38 Not so healthy
- 40 Early hrs.
- 41 Women's mag
- 43 His work was done by Friday
- 47 Thoroughfare (Abb.)
- 48 Aladdin's find
- 51 Apiece
- 52 Border on
- 53 Ontario neighbor
- 54 USNA grad
- 55 Driver's license datum
- 56 "Little Man —"

Down

- 1 De-bag the cat?
- 2 Calming practice
- 3 Sailors
- 4 Newsweek employee
- 5 Siestas
- 6 Will Smith biopic
- 7 Charged bit
- 8 Minimum
- 9 "Beverly Hills Cop" actor
- 10 "Zounds!"
- 11 Express transportation?
- 16 Church perch
- 20 Legislation
- 22 An Apostle
- 23 As well
- 24 Navigation hindrance
- 25 Mr. Wallace
- 26 Consultants
- 27 Mah-jongg piece
- 29 Shelter
- 30 Cacophony
- 35 Kruger's street
- 37 Charm
- 39 "Death of a Salesman" salesman
- 40 Circle segment
- 41 Part of a Batman costume
- 42 It takes the cake
- 43 Give as an example
- 44 Rue of "Less Than Perfect"
- 45 Skip over
- 46 Saber alternative
- 49 Lawyers' org.
- 50 Clog (up)

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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CRYPTOQUIP

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 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals X

Collections could be sign of OCD

Dear Abby: "Living Like a Hermit in California" complained about her husband's unusual collecting behavior.

"He owns 24 cars," she wrote. "None of them run; they just sit around. He buys old airplanes although he doesn't know how to fly and they, too, sit rusting away. He also collects cardboard boxes and anything in bulk." You suggested she contact a lawyer and get her husband a psychiatric evaluation.

His hoarding sounds like obsessive-compulsive disorder to me. I have depression and during my worst times, I have voraciously collected metal washers. I found it so soothing to have something to concentrate on besides my problems. The quality of my collection was a substitute for real accomplishment.

The fact that "Living's" husband is also withdrawn leads me to suspect that he has depression, OCD or a similar psychiatric

problem. I got help for mine, and I feel much better. Her husband might never be normal, but a good place to start would be sympathy, patience and a caring doctor.

— **Ohio Hoarder**
Dear Ohio: I advised "Living Like a Hermit in California" to consult a lawyer because she said her husband had moved them out of a house into a trailer and had spent all their assets on his "hobby." I agree that he may be mentally ill. Read on:

Dear Abby:



The letter from "Living Like a Hermit" had a familiar ring. My neighbor exhibited similar behavior and was diagnosed with manic depression. When she was up, she collected; when she was down she withdrew from the world.

Roger may be more than "eccentric"; he may suffer from a mental illness.

— **Been There in Tampa, Fla.**

Dear Been There: That may be true, but I am not qualified to diagnose him.

Dear Abby: Tell that woman to get off her duff, learn more about her husband's collection and then get on eBay! There are people rebuilding old cars who have to order custom parts when none are available. And in California, the movie business is always looking for props.

One studio rented my former father-in-law's car while shooting a movie about the Kennedy assassination in Dallas.

They asked for permission to paint the car black. He said, "Sure, as long as you paint it white again before you return it." And they did!

— **Nancy in Houston**
Dear Nancy: I love your idea about turning her husband's "compulsion" into an income stream. They could use the money.

Letters for this column — with your name and number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 6940, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at: <http://www.ustexpress.com/dearabby>. Universal Press Syndicate

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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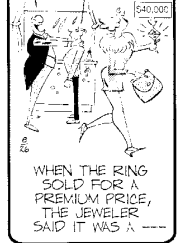
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MAIZE BAKED FORGOT CIPHER

What the shady salesman did to the unsuspecting buyer — TOOK HIM FOR A RIDE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argrison



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Counter cancer before it strikes

Dear Annie: I am at my computer giving some advice to "New Jersey," whose husband's family history puts him at high risk for prostate cancer, but he refuses to see a doctor because he is too embarrassed and doesn't want anyone touching him. That's too bad, because he can be sure the murtician is going to touch him — and sooner than he thinks.

This man knows he is showing symptoms, yet he does nothing. Thank you for telling him to look into information available through the American Cancer Society. Years ago, my husband was diagnosed with testicular cancer. Very little information was available to the public at the time. He had surgery, follow-ups and 12 years of office visits in order for this information to be compiled.

Annie's Mailbox



Please tell "New Jersey" to have her husband read this and think about his wife and family. If he cares about them, he will do whatever is necessary to stick around.

— **Lived Through It in Michigan**

Dear Michigan: Our readers were quite concerned about this man's willful disregard of his health and hoped he would change his mind soon. Here's one more:

Dear Annie: I would like to say something to "New Jersey's" husband. The only embarrassment you will suffer is when others find out you did nothing to protect your health. Your doctor visits are private, and members of your immediate family will know only that you are going in for a checkup.

I also am at high risk of devel-

oping prostate cancer because both my grandfather and father died of it. My father fought the cancer for over seven years. During that time, I had many opportunities to tell him I loved him. He showed me many strengths by not quitting, denying or looking for false hope. I miss my father greatly, but his lessons are ingrained in me.

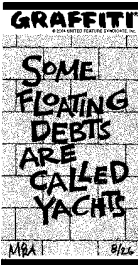
At the age of 37, I began regular prostate checks. I am now 45. A digital exam may be uncomfortable, but it is not painful. A PSA blood test is done along with all my other blood work. I am on the right track to discover prostate cancer early enough to beat it if it comes knocking on my door. I want to tell him: Be strong, get yourself checked, and live life to the fullest.

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Family Circus



"PJ shouldn't complain about taking a short nap. Cicada moths sleep for 17 years."

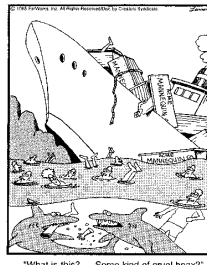


Dennis the Menace



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Beltre's MLB-leading 40th homer powers Dodgers

L.A. opens five-game lead in West

The Associated Press

MONTREAL — Adrian Beltré's first five full seasons in the majors were marked by stretches of inconsistency and only flashes of power hitting. This year, the Los Angeles Dodgers' third baseman has become one of baseball's most prolific sluggers.

Beltre hit a grand slam to become the first player to reach 40 home runs this season, leading the Dodgers to a 10-2 victory over the Montreal Expos on Tuesday. His previous career high for homers was 23, last season.

"Now I believe I can hit 40," said Beltre, who's hitting .334 with 94 RBIs. "I don't know if I can hit 45 yet. When I get to 45, then I know I can hit 45. I just do my best. I'm enjoying it."

Beltre has homered 10 times in his past 15 games, not bad for someone who came into the season hoping to hit just 30 homers.

"It's a number that I didn't think about the last few years," he said. "To get to 30, and to hit 40 already is a big accomplishment."

Los Angeles, which increased its NL West lead to five games over second-place San Francisco, has won six of its past nine road games and 17 of 23.

Alex Cora homered and had five RBIs, and Kazuhisa Ishii (12-6) allowed two runs in 7 1/3 innings for Los Angeles.

"Offensively, obviously we're going to have to talk about Adrian Beltre — we have to again tonight — and Alex Cora, with a career high with RBIs," Dodgers manager Jim Tracy said.

Los Angeles scored eight runs in the fifth, its biggest inning this season. Beltre connected off Rocky Biddle (4-7) for his fourth career slam, his second this year.

Cora also hit a three-run drive against Francisco Beltrán in the inning. The second baseman had an RBI single in the second and a run-scoring groundout in the ninth, tying his career high for RBIs.



Montreal catcher Einar Diaz makes a vain attempt to tag Los Angeles' David Ross at the plate during the Dodgers' 10-2 victory on Tuesday.

Biddle threw 104 pitches in 4 1/3 innings, allowing seven runs and six hits.

In other NL games Tuesday: **Cubs 13, Brewers 4:** Moises Alou homered twice and had a career-high six RBIs, and Derrek Lee hit a grand slam as Milwaukee lost its seventh straight.

The host Cubs won for the eighth time in seven games and opened a one-game lead in the wild-card race over San Francisco.

Marlins 9, Giants 1: At Miami, Alex Gonzalez hit a three-run homer to cap a seven-run first, and Mike Lowell drove in five runs for the Marlins.

The defending champs won for the eighth time in 11 games and remained five games behind the Cubs in the wild-card standings.

Brewers 6, Rockies 5: Rafael Furcal went 4-for-4, including a two-run triple in the Braves' four-run sixth, and Eli Marrero

drove in the go-ahead run with an RBI single in the seventh.

Marrero and Julio Franco each went 3-for-4 for the Braves, who used 14 hits to rally past the visiting Rockies after falling behind by four runs.

Padres 3, Mets 1: San Diego's David Wells (8-7) took a shutout into the ninth and won his fifth straight on the road. He allowed one run, four hits, struck out four and walked none in 8 1/3 innings.

Astros 4, Phillies 2: Lance Berkman and Mike Lamb hit RBI singles in the bottom of the eighth inning and the Astros used a rare relief appearance by Roy Oswalt (14-9) to defeat Philadelphia.

Reds 4, Cardinals 3: (10: At Cincinnati, Julian Tavarez (5-4) pitched while appealing a 10-day suspension and allowed the game-winning run on Darren Bragg's single.

Tavarez was penalized for applying foreign substances to balls in a game he pitched last week.

Pirates 3, Diamondbacks 1: Oliver Perez (9-6) pitched eight innings. Daryle Ward homered and the host Pirates snapped a five-game losing streak.

Jeter's 1,000th run, two steals lift Yanks over reeling Indians

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Derek Jeter not only stayed in the lineup, he reached a milestone and helped steal a victory.

A night after he was hit on the left elbow by a pitch, Jeter homered in the first inning for his 1,000th career run. He stole two bases in the ninth inning and scored on Hideki Matsui's two-out single to lead the New York Yankees over Cleveland 5-4 on Tuesday night, the Indians' ninth straight loss.

"He took us on his shoulders and got us in position to win the ballgame," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "He set the tone for the night — not knowing if he was going to play, then he hits the ball over the center-field fence."

With the score 4-4 in the ninth, Jeter walked against Bob Wickman (0-2), the pitcher who hit him Monday night. Jeter stole his 19th and 20th bases.

"You're not always going to hit home runs. You have to score runs other ways," Jeter said. "I just thought I could make it. I saw some opportunities and took off."

Tom Gordon (6-3) pitched a scoreless eighth, and Mariano Rivera got three outs for his 43rd save.

New York, which rallied from a 4-1 deficit, has won two straight after losing six of seven. The Yankees remained 6 1/2 games ahead of Boston in the AL East.

Cleveland is on its longest skid since losing 10 straight in 1979. The Indians, who trailed the Twins by one game on Aug. 15, remained eight games behind the AL Central leader.

In other AL games Tuesday:

Red Sox 5, Blue Jays 4: Bos-

AL Roundup

ton's Doug Mirebelle hit a go-ahead three-run homer in the sixth off Miguel Batista (9-10), and Mike Timlin pitched out of a bases-loaded jam in the bottom of the inning to help the Red Sox win for the seventh time in eight games.

Manly Ramirez drove in two runs for the Red Sox, who have won seven of eight and remained one game ahead of Texas in the wild-card race.

Tim Lincecum (10-7) allowed three runs and 10 hits in five-plus innings for his fifth win in six starts, and Keith Foulke got four outs for his 23rd save.

Rangers 5, Twins 4: Texas' Michael Young hit a tying double in the bottom of the ninth off Joe Nathan (1-2) and Mark Teixeira singled home the winning run with two outs, stopping Minnesota's four-game winning streak.

Punch-hitter Justin Morneau had put Minnesota ahead in the top half with an RBI double off Francisco Cordero (3-0).

Athletics 6, Orioles 2: Mark Mulder (17-4) became the first 17-game winner in the major leagues this season, allowing two runs and four hits in six innings at Oakland, Calif.

Eli Chavez and Jermaine Dye homered for the A's, who were for the eighth time in 10 games to maintain their half-game lead over Anaheim in the AL West.

Baltimore lost its eighth straight. Sidney Ponson (8-13) gave up six runs and nine hits in six innings.

Angels 7, Royals 5: Jose

Guillen hit a two-run homer as the host Angels won their seventh straight, converting a throwing error by second baseman Dierke Relaford into the tying and go-ahead runs.

Adam Kennedy was 4-for-4, and John Lackey (11-10) allowed five runs and seven hits in five innings. Troy Percival became the only active major league pitcher with nine consecutive seasons at least 25 saves.

White Sox 9, Tigers 5: Juan Uribe homered, scored the go-ahead run and drove in three runs, helping Chicago end a five-game losing streak.

Jon Garland (9-9) won for just the second time in nine starts since defeating Seattle on July 9, giving up four runs and eight hits in seven innings.

Carlos Pena hit a third-inning grand slam for host Detroit.

Devil Rays 6, Marlins 5: Tampa Bay's Tim Lincecum hit a two-run homer in the top of the first to beat Rob Bell (6-7), who allowed two runs — one earned — and three hits in seven innings.

Martinez, who reached 20 homers in the ninth time, tied Cecil Fielder for 87th on the career list with 319.

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2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

Finally gold, 'tears of joy' for El Guerrouj

BY STEPHEN WILSON

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Hicham El Guerrouj is no longer the world's greatest middle-distance runner never to win an Olympic title. Now, he's simply the greatest.

In Atlanta in 1996, the Moroccan tripped on the final lap and finished last. Four years ago in Sydney, he was overtaken in the final meters by Noah Ngeny, then lay sobbing on the track in despair, convinced he'd let down his entire country.

All that heartbreak evaporated Tuesday night when El Guerrouj held off Kenya's Bernard Lagat in a thrilling shoulder-to-shoulder sprint in the final straight to win the only title to elude him — and the one he craved the most.

"Four years ago in Sydney I cried tears of sadness," he said. "Today I cry tears of joy. I'm living a moment of glory. I'm overjoyed for myself and for my country."

El Guerrouj threw his arms high in the air and looked up to the sky after crossing the finish



Morocco's Hicham El Guerrouj celebrates as he crosses the finish line to win the men's 1500 meters ahead of Kenya's Bernard Lagat.

line in 3:34.18, just 12-hundredths of a second faster than Lagat. Portugal's Rui Silva took the bronze in 3:34.68.

In some of the most poignant scenes of the Athens Games, the 29-year-old El Guerrouj fell to his knees, buried his face in his hands and cried uncontrollably.

Lagat was the first to congratulate him, kneeling down and holding him in a warm embrace.

"Hicham El Guerrouj is a classy athlete," Lagat said. "He was only missing one title: Olympic gold. I knew he wanted this one so bad. I was really happy for him. It was quite emotional. You feel for him. You know he's deserving and he got it today."

El Guerrouj rolled over onto his back, his chest heaving with sobs. Then he set off on a victory lap, draped in the Moroccan flag.

He went over to his 19-year-old wife, Majava, in the stands and kissed their baby daughter, Hiba.

"Today I ran for her and for my family," he said. "(God willing), she will be happy for her papa."

El Guerrouj danced to the Greek music blaring from the loudspeakers, then took a cell phone call from the king of Morocco, Mohammed VI. After the devastating experiences of the last two Olympics, this was a moment to treasure.

"It had become a psychological complex," said his longtime coach, Abdelkader Kada. "The Olympic medal was all that was left. Now, for me, today he becomes the best mile in history."

El Guerrouj has been the undisputed middle-distance king for more than a decade, with four straight world championship titles, and world records in the 1,500 and mile.

But this year he looked vulnerable. His 29-acre winning streak ended July 2 when he finished a stunning eighth at a Rome meet. He complained of breathing problems. He finished second to Lagat

in a final Olympic tuneup in Zurich, with the Kenyan clocking a world-leading 3:27.40.

"It's been a very, very difficult year," he said. "I didn't even know if I would come to the Olympics. But I overcame the challenges. This shows Hicham is a great athlete."

The race lived up to expectations.

El Guerrouj went in front on the second lap and took control of the pace, with Lagat right behind him. On the final lap, El Guerrouj tried to break away, but Lagat stayed with him. Around the last bend, Lagat made his move on the outside, pulling alongside El Guerrouj. The two ran all-out, stride for stride, toward the line.

Lagat grimaced with exertion, but El Guerrouj remained smooth and controlled. In the last few meters, Lagat tightened up, and the Moroccan pulled half a stride ahead to finish first.

"In the last 100 meters I knew it was going to come down to the kick," Lagat said. "I was right behind him all the way. With 50 meters left I thought this could be another Zurich, but he had the strongest kick today."

Jones qualifies in long jump

BY ROB GLOSTER

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Marion Jones made a quiet Athens debut, advancing easily to the long jump final. Allen Johnson had the attention of everyone in the stadium, for all the wrong reasons.

And 18-year-old Allyson Felix got a silver medal in the 200 meters Wednesday, finishing 13 seconds behind Veronica Campbell of Jamaica.

Without any of the fanfare that accompanied her historic quest for five gold medals at the 2000 Sydney Games, Jones qualified for the final with the seventh-best jump of the qualifying round: 21 feet, 11½ inches.

Afterward, she dressed quickly and left the track, saying her experience in Athens is about more than medals.

"It's a little bit about a gold, but I think to me it's a lot more about coming out here, doing my best in the midst of a hell of a year," said Jones, who is the subject of a steroid investigation, has been accused by her ex-husband of using banned drugs in Sydney and gave birth to a son 14 months ago. "I mean, you can take that how you want it — being able to do your best in the midst of mass chaos."

There was chaos on the track when Johnson, a four-time world champion and the 1996 Olympic medalist, made a shocking exit from the second round of the 110-meter hurdles. He tripped over the ninth hurdle, then stumbled and fell underneath the last one — ending up face down on the track, glasses flying off his face, as competitors crossed the finish line.

Johnson said it was only the second time in his career he's fallen in a race.

Track and field

"It was going great, and then I don't know. I just went down. I thought I was in control until I hit that hurdle. I got myself together, but the last one I hit and went down," Johnson said.

"I'm fairly disappointed, but it happens. I'll be watching the final. There's nothing I can do."

He was the latest of several Americans who came to Athens favored for medals but will leave empty-handed — including pole vaulter Stacy Dragila, hurdler Gail Devers, decathlete Tom Pappas and shot putter John Godina.

Four years ago, Jones' quest for five golds ended in the long jump. This time, she made her Athens debut in the event. She drew only a smattering of applause here, with little of the celebrity worship that engulfed her in Sydney.

On her first attempt, Jones licked her lips, then paused for the start of a men's race. She took two quick deep breaths, stepped down the runway — and fouled by several inches. She immediately went over to the stands to talk with coach Dan Pfaff.

Jones opened her mouth wide and rolled her tongue around her mouth before her second jump, then took four quick breaths. She propelled herself down the runway and leaped 1½ inches past the automatic qualifying distance of 21-10, advancing to Friday's final.

At the 2000 Sydney Games, Jones already had won gold medals in the 100 and 200 meters when she got a bronze in the long jump. She went on to win two

more medals in relays — one gold, one bronze.

But at the U.S. trials this summer, she failed to qualify in the 100 and dropped out of the 200, citing fatigue. She hopes to run on the 400-meter relay squad, beginning Thursday.

Those are not the only differences from the last Olympics.

Jones was the darling of Sydney, her every move chronicled as she aimed for five golds. Even her defense of then-husband C.J.

Hunter on drug charges won her praise as a supportive spouse.

Now she's under investigation by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, and has been accused by the now-divorced Hunter of using banned drugs before, during and after the Sydney Games.

"I'm looking forward to jumping on Friday and, you know what, getting on the next plane Saturday and heading home to my little boy, who I've been away from for over three weeks," Jones said. "So things are a lot different than four years ago."

The biggest thrill of the night for Greek fans came when countrywoman Fani Halkia won the 400-meter hurdles in 52.82 seconds, sending the sold-out Olympic Stadium into spasms of joy and flag waving. Romania's Ionea Trila-Manolache won silver and Tereza Teslovic of Antipov of Ukraine took bronze.

In other events Wednesday, Hicham El Guerrouj qualified easily for the final of the 5,000 one mile after his first round victory in the 1,500. Winning that preliminary heat was 10,000 champion Kenenisa Bekele, setting up a Saturday night duel in the final between two men trying to complete a rare Olympic distance double.

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2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

Cuba dominates Australia for baseball gold

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Deploying a relentless, balanced offense, Cuba rolled over upstart Australia 6-2 Wednesday night to win the gold medal — its third in four tries since the sport gained official Olympic status.

The Cubans pounded out 13 hits, including a two-run home run by Frederich Cepeda, a two-run double by Eduardo Parent and a two-run single by Eriel Sanchez.

With the United States failing to even make the eight-team field, Cuba had been expected to vie for the gold medal with a Japanese "dream team" stocked with top pros. But Australia stunned the favored Japanese 1-0 in the semifinals, making its first ever baseball medal a silver.

Openly frustrated by its loss, Japan routed Canada 11-2 Wednesday afternoon to win the bronze medal.

In the game for the gold, Cepeda opened the scoring in the fourth inning with his home run to right-center.

Australian left fielder Paul Gonzalez cut the margin to 2-1 with a lead-off homer in the fifth. That was the first run in the tournament for Cuban starter Norgie Luis Vera, who had pitched 13 scoreless innings over three



Hossein Rezaeadeh of Iran lifts 441 pounds in the snatch during the men's over-231 pound event on Wednesday at the Athens Olympics. Rezaeadeh won the gold medal and tied his own world record.

games, and it prompted Cuba to turn to its bullpen.

Relievers Viccyhandri Odelin and Adiel Palma walked the bases loaded. But with two outs and a full count, Australia's Brendan Kingman took a third strike from Palma, who pitched into the ninth and earned the victory.

Cuba put the game away in sixth, knocking out Australian starter John Stephens — a Boston Red Sox farm hand — with four straight singles, the last a ground smash by Sanchez driving in two runs.

With two out, Parent doubled down the third base line, driving in two more runs to make it 6-1.

Baseball

Men's final: Brazil's Emanuel Ricardo and Ricardo Santos, the world's top-ranked team, overpowered Spain's Javier Bosma and Pablo Herrera 21-6, 21-15, finally capturing a gold medal for the nation that's dominated the sport internationally for more than a decade.

Brazil failed to win a medal in 1996 and earned a disappointing

silver in Sydney when third-seeded Ricardo and Ze Marzo de Melo lost to ninth-seeded Americans Dan Blanton and Eric Fonioimoda.

Ricardo finished the match with a soft tap down the line and Emanuel jumped into his partner's arms. The Spaniards slapped hands and applauded the capacity crowd, most of them yellow-clad Brazilians.

Equestrian

Individual dressage: A few early stumbles kept the United States from getting another equestrian medal.

Debbie McDonald of Hailey, Idaho, finished fourth in the individual dressage competition, done in by a couple of early mistakes on her horse Brentina.

"I'm not happy with myself," McDonald said. "I'm happy with my horse. The early problems definitely were my concern. My body wasn't working with my brain."

Anky van Grunsven and her horse Salinero won gold by finishing first in the musical freestyle program. Ulla Salzgeber of Germany had been leading to that point on her horse Rusty, but wound up settling for silver.

Synchronized swimming

Duet free routine: Alison Bartosik and Anna Kozlova of the United States earned a bronze in the Olympic duet final Wednes-

day night, finishing behind the Russians and Japanese.

Bartosik and Kozlova totaled 96.918 points for their tribute to Greek mythology that evoked a Medusa theme. They had snakes on their sequined gird, gold and white suits and headpieces.

They created serene images by interlacing their legs and arms in the water while the music "Gorky Park" and three other dramatic compositions blared on the loudspeakers.

Triathlon

Women's final: Kate Allen, a former Australian now American by marriage, passed half of the field during the final leg of the swim-cycling run endurance test, finishing in 2 hours, 4 minutes, 43.45 seconds.

Closer to the rear of the pack than the front for most of the race, she passed everyone during the closing 10-kilometer run, including leader Lotte Harrop of Australia, only a few strides before the finish.

Susan Williams, the last American to qualify for the race this summer, won the bronze despite crashing early in the cycling race.

Weightlifting

Men's 105kg: Hossein Rezaeadeh of Iran won gold and tied his own world record with a combined weight of 1,041.7 pounds.

Viktors Serebatskiy of Latvia got the silver. Velichko Chokolov of Bulgaria won the bronze.

Olympics scoreboard

Wednesday's scores

BASEBALL

Bronze Medal

Japan 11, Canada 2

Gold Medal

Cuba 6, Australia 2

BASKETBALL

Women's Quarterfinals

United States 82, Greece 49

Russia 70, Czech Republic 49

HOCKEY

Men's Classification

South Africa 5, 12, 9, 1

New Zealand 4, South Korea 3

Spain 3, India 1

Semifinals

Netherlands 3, Germany 2

Australia 6, Spain 3

Volleyball

Men's Classification

Russia 3, Serbia-Montenegro 1 (29-27, 23-25, 25-20)

Italy 3, Argentina 1 (22-25, 26-24, 25-21)

Water Polo

Men's Classification

Australia 10, Kazakhstan 5

Croatia 12, Egypt 5

Quarterfinals

Russia 12, Germany 9

Serbia-Montenegro 10, Spain 5

Baseball

Men's Bronze Medal

Stefan Kolb and Patrick Wehrer, Switzerland, defeated Japan's Tetsuhiro and Mark Williams, Australia, 15-21, 21-17, 15-13.

Rickie Loe, Australia, defeated Eduardo Cepeda, Cuba, 15-10, 10-15, 15-10.

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Women's Points Race

1. Olga Shustarskaya, Russia, 20.

2. Belen Guerrero Gallardo, Mexico, 14.

3. Maria Luisa Calle Williams, Colombia, 12.

4. Erin Mirabella, Racine, Wis., 9.

5. Vera Carrara, Italy, 8.

6. Sarah Ulmer, New Zealand, 8.

7. Genta Pascual, Spain, 7.

8. Katherine Bates, Australia, 7.

Equestrian

Individual Freestyle

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Middleweight Dirrell clinches second U.S. boxing medal

BY TIM DAHLBERG

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Another day, another Andre for the U.S. boxing team.

Andre Dirrell, fighting with a tattoo of his grandfather's face on his back, assured the United States of at least two boxing medals Wednesday by narrowly beating Cuba's Yordani Despagne to advance to the Olympic middleweight semifinals.

A day after teammate Andre

Ward saved the U.S. team from further embarrassment with a win of his own, Dirrell bloodied the Cuban's face in the third round and held on for a 12-11 win in a cautiously fought bout.

"I knew I could outbox him," Dirrell said. "I was extra nervous because the Cubans are great boxers."

Dirrell wasn't too bad himself, coming from behind in the third round with a flurry to take the lead and then listening to his grandfather and other family

members when they told him to get on his toes and stay away to keep the lead with 25 seconds left.

"We knew it was going to be a chess match," U.S. coach Basheer Abdullah said. "He was very patient and he played the chess match and won it tonight."

Dirrell, whose grandfather began teaching him to box at the age of 10 and then refused to let him quit the sport two years later, advanced to a semifinal match Friday against Gennadi Golovkin of Kazakhstan.

More importantly, he put a smile on the face of his grandfather, who was watching in the stands. Leon Lawson, a former bodyguard and sparring partner for Muhammad Ali, turned 64 this week and celebrated his birthday in Athens.

"I'm aiming to please my grandfather," Dirrell said. "Besides the money, the gold medal and everything, I want to make him happy. This is what he said was his birthday present."

Dirrell had a tattoo of his grand-

father's face put on his right shoulder last month to thank him for years of making him train for his Olympic moment.

"I figured he was on my back this long that I would put a real one on my back," Dirrell said.

Dirrell came into the Olympics as the most highly touted member of a team that wasn't expected to fare too well in Athens. The 20-year-old from Flint, Mich., looked the part in moving easily through his first two fights, but the matchup against the tough Cuban was his real test.

Thrown: Gardner on wrong end of this reversal

THROWN, FROM BACK PAGE

His retirement ends an impossible-to-script career that saw Gardner become one of America's most improbable sports stars — and one of its most star-struck once he won the gold.

Eighteen months after ending three-time Olympic champion Karelin's 13-year winning streak with his "Miracle on the Mat," Gardner lost a toe — and nearly his life — to frostbite after becoming stranded in the Wyoming wilderness. This year, he survived a head-on motorcycle crash and, days later, badly dislocated his right wrist during a pickup basketball game, briefly jeopardizing his return trip to the Games.

Once he got to Athens, his undoing proved to be the Greco-Roman oddity that assured his Sydney gold: the clinch. Both wrestlers lock hands behind the other, maneuvering for the slight-

est advantage before muscling each other to break the clinch and gain a point.

In Sydney, Gardner's only point against Karelin came on a broken clinch; four years later, all of Tsurtsunia's points did, too. He threw Gardner out of a clinch to start the overtime, surprising Gardner with strength he seemed to have lost much earlier.

Despite being 10 years younger than Gardner at 23, the reigning European champion was perilously fatigued as the match wound down, once fleeing the mat and taking a penalty point to avoid locking up with Gardner.

After the suddenly quick conclusion, Gardner knelt on the mat in near disbelief, Tsurtsunia dancing excitedly behind him. But within minutes, a dry-eyed and composed Gardner patiently offered a clinical explanation of what went wrong.

The condensed version: He

gambled by attacking a worn-out opponent, leaving himself unguarded to his back side and allowing Tsurtsunia to step around and throw him to the mat.

"One throw and that's the whole match," Gardner said. "One mistake."

Or maybe two.

"I was surprised Rulon lost two clinches," said Jeff Blatnick, a Greco-Roman gold medalist 20 years ago. "I've never seen him do that when he's healthy."

Still, he doesn't think Gardner besmirched his wrestling legacy by not winning a second Olympic gold. To Blatnick, beating Karelin assured Gardner's place in the sport's history, and always will.

"He'll be remembered as an Olympic champion and a world champion," Blatnick said. "People forget he won the world cham-

pionship the year after Sydney and proved it was no fluke. I don't think he did anything wrong in this match. He (Tsurtsunia) was over-coached and knew exactly where to attack."

Gardner's restrained emotions after the loss contrasted to the Aegean-sized sea of tears shed Monday when Sara McLain lost the first gold-medal match wrestled by an American woman. Only in victory did his emotions come out.

Maybe it's because, deep down, he's still the up-which Wyoming farmboy who ignored hurtful taunts of "Fats" to pursue his sport, to achieve its ultimate prize and create a niche as one of America's least likely but most-liked Olympic champions. It is that devotion to wrestling that drove him to come back, to ignore the temptation to be like Mary Lou Retton

and let a perfect Olympics be his only Olympics.

"People asked me why I go back and take the chance you'll lose and tarnish your record," he said. "I don't look at it as tarnishing anything."

Now, the man who defeated an aging Russian star to become a gold medalist has been succeeded by an on-the-rise young Russian, 21-year-old Khasan Baroev, who beat Tsurtsunia 4-2 for the gold.

Cost of the gold, but it's the chance for the gold, but I'm happy with the bronze and I'll move on," Gardner said. "It's not quite a gold, but it's a medal."

Another American wrestling medalist also lost Wednesday: 2000 bronze medalist Garrett Ivey of Prosser, Wis., was eliminated with losses of 3-0 to Cuba's Ernesto Pena and 4-0 to Hungary's Lajos Virag in pool matches at 21½ pounds (96kg).

Foudy's status game-time decision

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — U.S. soccer captain Julie Foudy's sprained ankle showed signs of improvement on Wednesday, though she remains a game-time decision for Thursday's gold medal game against Brazil.

"Julie is doing better," coach April Heinrichs said. "We're real excited to see her walking."

Heinrichs said Foudy no longer needed the crutches she'd been using since she was injured in the second half of Monday night's overtime victory over Germany in the semifinals.

Asked about Foudy's chances of playing, Heinrichs sighed heavily and paused before answering.

"I don't know. It's a very physical game," Heinrichs said.

"It's just hard to tell right now. She's walking. She's encouraged. She's optimistic, as she is as a person and should be as an athlete who wants to play in this game. We'll make the call tomorrow, much closer to the game."

Prosecutors seize medical files of Greek sprint stars

ATHENS, Greece — Prosecu-

Olympic briefs

tors seized the hospital records Wednesday of two Greek sprinters

stars who withdrew from the Olympics after they missed a doping test and were involved in a suspicious motorcycle accident.

A source told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity that prosecutors visited the KAT trauma hospital and left with the records of Kostas Kenteris and Katerina Thanou.

Kenteris, the surprise 200-meter gold medalist in 2000, and Thanou, who took silver in the 100 meters in Sydney, could not be found at the Olympic Village for an Aug. 12 drug test. Hours later, they said they were involved in a motorcycle accident that happened because they were rushing back to the Olympic village to be tested.

They spent several days in the KAT hospital with cuts and bruises, and later withdrew from the Olympics.

Now, prosecutors are investigating the accident and whether the two national stars were deliberately trying to avoid drug tests.

Kenteris and Thanou have de-

nied any wrongdoing.

Greece protests fight stoppage

ATHENS, Greece — Greece has lodged a protest over the controversial end to a light-heavyweight Elias Pavlidis' Olympic bout against Egypt's Ahmed Ismail, saying Ismail delivered several illegal hits that caused Pavlidis to become too injured to continue.

The Hellenic Boxing Federation lodged the protest shortly after the match ended Tuesday night in a stormy boo from a partisan crowd hoping to see Greece win its first Olympic boxing medal.

Pavlidis took an 18-12 lead after two rounds, but referee P.K.M. Raja of Indonesia called off the fight because of serious cuts on Pavlidis' face.

The decision sparked a melee in Peristeri Olympic Boxing Hall, with fans throwing water bottles at the ring and forcing Ismail to run for cover.

Greece's protest claims "the Egyptian athlete ... did not compete fairly, as can be seen clearly in the videotape." The protest doesn't specify the hits involved, saying only that most occurred in the second round.

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U.S. women dominate Greece

BY CHUCK SCHOFFNER

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — The place and the opponent don't really matter. This U.S. basketball team is on a roll.

Hushing a boisterous crowd with its all-around domination, the United States advanced to the semifinals Wednesday with a 102-72 victory over Greece, which had heart, the home court and little else.

Now, only two games stand between the Americans and a third straight gold medal. They'll play Russia on Friday. The semifinal winners advance to the gold medal game on Saturday.

"This is it. No regrets now," Tina Thompson said. "There's no getting it back or catching up from a loss. That would mean no

gold medal and, for us, no gold medal means failure."

After playing their preliminary games in a small arena at the Helliniko complex on the coast, the teams moved to the spacious 19,250-seat Olympic Indoor Hall for the medal round. The Americans looked like they belonged on the bigger stage.

Lisa Leslie and Yolanda Griffith dominated inside. Tina Thompson hit a succession of jumpers, Shannon Johnson had her best game of the tournament and Tamika Catchings was everywhere on both ends of the floor.

The passing was sharp, the defense quick and aggressive. By the middle of the second quarter, the United States was up by 20, and the Greek fans who made up most of the crowd of 8,100 started losing their zeal.

Even the "He-las! He-las!" chant began to wane and the crowd stopped booing whenever the United States had the ball, slipping into a state of quiet acceptance.

These U.S. players, the Greek fans discovered, are pretty darn good.

"The crowd was great today and whenever a team feels the energy of a crowd, it plays above its head and Greece did," Diana Taurasi said. "Teams like that just don't go away. They play to the last bucket, but if you can get on them early and get the crowd out of there ... that's what our first five did."

The Americans shot 57 percent in the first half and 50 percent for the game. If someone did miss a shot, it didn't matter. Griffith, Leslie or Catchings got



Americans Tina Thompson, right, and Lisa Leslie dominated early against Greece and cheered from the bench late in the game.

the rebound and scored on a put-back.

Johnson and Thompson scored 20 apiece, and there was much more after that. Griffith had 14 points and 11 rebounds, Diana

Taurasi had 13 points, and Leslie and Sheryl Swoopes added 12 apiece.

Leslie also had eight rebounds. Final rebounding numbers: United States 44, Greece 22.

Windsurfing gold is first for Israel

BY BERNIE WILSON

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — A windsurfer whose first name means "waves" in Hebrew gave Israel its first Olympic gold medal ever Wednesday, taking a plunge in the Saronic Gulf to celebrate.

Gal Fridman sailed a remarkably consistent regatta, never finishing worse than eighth in the 11-race series. He placed second in Wednesday's decisive race.

After Fridman crossed the finish line, he took a victory dip and then wrapped himself in an Israeli flag when he came out of the water.

Fridman's victory finally gives Israel the chance to hear their national anthem during a medal ceremony, scheduled for later in the day. The song is "Hatiqvah" — The Hope — and Israeli fans sang it spontaneously last week when Ariel Ze'evi won a bronze medal in judo.

There has been tremendous pressure on Israeli athletes to get their country's first gold at the Athens Games. When Ze'evi won his medal, he called it "the hardest day of my life" because of the scrutiny.

In 12 previous Olympics dating to 1952, Israel had won only one silver and three bronze medals. Fridman won a bronze in his event in 1996.

Fridman's victory came after Ricardo Santos of Brazil, the leader through 10 races, finished 17th in the finale. Nikolaos Kaldamankis of Greece won the silver, and Nick Dempsey of Britain took the bronze.

Faustine Merret of France won the silver in the women's race. Yin Jian of China won the silver, and Alessandra Sensi of Italy got the bronze.

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Prosecutors say Bryant DNA evidence contaminated

The Associated Press

DENVER — Crucial DNA evidence tested by defense experts in the Kobe Bryant sexual assault case might have been contaminated, prosecutors said in a court filing released Wednesday, just two days before jury selection is to begin.

Prosecutors said they had found contamination in DNA "control" samples intended to ensure testing was accurate. They

also said data from the defense's experts appears to have been manipulated.

Prosecutors asked the judge to hold a hearing Thursday to force the NBA star's attorneys to prove the reliability of the evidence intended to be presented at trial by defense experts.

Those experts include Elizabeth Johnson, who testified in a closed-court hearing in June that DNA evidence strongly suggests the alleged victim had sex with an-

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other man after her encounter with Bryant and before her hospital examination the following day.

That claim, which attorneys for the woman have denied, is a core part of the defense's strategy to undermine the accuser's credibility.

In the filing, prosecutor Dana

Easter said some data from Technical Associates Inc., the California company where Johnson works, appeared to have been "whited out or otherwise manipulated."

Dampier goes from Warriors to Mavs in eight-player deal

DALLAS — The Dallas Mavericks sent Christian Laettner, Eduardo Najera, two future first-round draft picks and the draft rights to guards Luis Flores

and Mladen Sekulac to the Warriors for Erick Dampier and Dan Dickau, Evan Eschmeyer and the draft rights to Steve Logan.

The 6-foot-11 Dampier averaged career highs of 12.3 points and 12 rebounds in 74 games last season for the Warriors. He was fourth in the NBA in rebounding, and one of just nine players to average more than 10 points and 10 rebounds a game.

In a release, the Mavericks said Dampier signed a two-year deal with Golden State before the trade was completed. Contract details weren't immediately available.

Tavarez suspended 10 days for doctoring balls

CINCINNATI — St. Louis reliever Julian Tavarez was suspended for 10 days Tuesday for applying a foreign substance to balls while pitching last week.

Tavarez appealed the penalty, and no action will be taken until a hearing is held.

"The incident that day seemed like it was a very minor thing, and I'm shocked that it would be worth 10 days," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said.

Tavarez was ejected during the opener of Friday's doubleheader against Pittsburgh after umpire crew chief Joe West inspected the pitcher's grimy hat. West said Tavarez and Cardinals and manager Tony La Russa "as much admitted" it was pine tar on his cap.

Bloom's final appeal denied

BOULDER, Colo. — Jeremy Bloom lost his final plea to be allowed to play football for Colorado while accepting commercial ski endorsements.

The five-member NCAA Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee turned down the appeal after hearing presentations from Bloom, Colorado, and the NCAA in a conference call.

Bloom appealed an NCAA ruling last week that he could not pocket endorsement money, which he said is necessary to support his Olympic skiing career, while playing receiver and kick returner for Colorado.

Agassi could meet Federer in U.S. Open quarterfinals

NEW YORK — Andre Agassi's path at the U.S. Open could include a quarterfinal against No. 1 Roger Federer, while defending champion Andy Roddick might have to play 2000 winner Marat Safin in the fourth round.

Serena and Venus Williams wound up on opposite sides of the field in Wednesday's draw, so they can't play each other until the final.

In addition to Agassi-Federer, the potential quarterfinals are Roddick vs. No. 7 Juan Carlos Ferrero in a rematch of the 2003 final, 2001 Open champion Lleyton Hewitt vs. No. 8 David Nalbandian, and No. 5 Tim Henman vs. No. 3 Carlos Moya.

Also, whose eight major titles include the 1994 and 1999 Opens, will face U.S. Davis Cup player Robby Ginepri in the first round.

No. 3-seeded Serena Williams is slated for a quarterfinal against No. 8 Jennifer Capriati. Another possible women's round-of-eight matchup is defending champion Justine Henin-Hardenne vs. Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova.



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U.S. wrestler Rulon Gardner, left, reacts after losing in OT to Kazakhstan's Georgi Tsurtsumia, right, in a Greco-Roman 264½-pound (120kg) semifinal on Wednesday. Gardner went on to win the bronze medal, and Tsurtsumia lost to Khasan Baroev of Russia in the gold-medal match.

Thrown for a loss

BY ALAN ROBINSON
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — He left his shoes in the middle of the mat, maybe a piece of his heart, too. Rulon Gardner finally let his emotions out after trading Olympic gold for bronze, and the tears he cried weren't of sadness.

Gardner, so poised and dispassionate hours before, following the biggest loss of his life, became teary-eyed Wednesday after one of the most surprising gold medalists in Olympic history settled for a bronze on his return trip to the Games.

His last one, too. After wearing down Iran's much-taller Sajad Barzi for a 3-0 victory and the Greco-Roman wrestling bronze at 264½ pounds (120 kg), Gardner sat down on the mat, an American flag draped in his arms, and took off his shoes in the traditional sign of retirement.

Then it all came out. Tears streamed down

his cheeks as he carried the flag around the arena, escorted by the unmistakable cheers of a dozen family members who made the long trip from Afton, Wyo., to Athens to see if he was good for one more gold.

He wasn't, but he thought he was good enough — even if a 4-1 overtime loss to Kazakhstan's Georgi Tsurtsumia earlier meant he couldn't duplicate the gold he won so shockingly in Sydney by beating the greatest wrestler ever, Russian Alexander Karelin, in his sport's upset of the century.

"I came back and won a medal. Even though it's bronze, I have no regrets because I gave 100 percent in every match," Gardner said. "I didn't leave anything on the mat."

Except his shoes, of course; he began crying before the match, when he told coach Steve Fraser of his plans.

"That's it," Gardner said. "When you step off the mat for the last time, it's a big deal."

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Gardner, who scored one of wrestling's biggest upsets in the Sydney Games, took off his shoes and left them in the ring to symbolize his retirement after defeating Sajad Barzi of Iran in the bronze-medal bout Wednesday.

Medal count

Leaders after 212 of 215 medal events in the 2004 Olympics through Wednesday, Aug. 25:

Country	G	S	B	Total
United States	25	28	22	75
Russia	13	19	21	53
China	24	16	12	52
Australia	16	10	15	41
Japan	15	9	9	32
Germany	9	11	13	33
France	10	7	9	26
Britain	7	8	9	24
Italy	8	6	8	22
South Korea	6	10	5	21



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